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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign rally for Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer in Los Angeles, California, October 22, 2010. Obama is on a four-day, five-state swing to support Democrats in the upcoming election.

Obama shocked, saddened by youth suicides

By RON POWERS,
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said he was "shocked and saddened" by the recent suicides of several young people who were bullied and taunted for being gay.

"As a parent of two daughters, it breaks my heart. It's something that just shouldn't happen in this country," Obama said in a video posted late Thursday on YouTube and the White House website. It's time, he said, for Americans to dispel the myth that bullying is "just a normal rite of passage."

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WikiLeaks near release of secret U.S. war documents



The Pentagon is seen in this aerial view in Washington, in this March 27, 2008 file photo. The WikiLeaks website appears close to releasing what the Pentagon fears is the largest cache of secret U.S. documents in history — hundreds of thousands of intelligence reports compiled after the 2003 invasion of Iraq. In a message posted to its Twitter page on Thursday Oct. 21, 2010, the organization said there was a "major WikiLeaks press conference in Europe coming up."

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Some 40,650 cribs recalled for safety risks

By NATASHA T. METZLER,
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WASHINGTON — Three U.S. companies recalled more than 40,000 cribs on Friday due to safety concerns raised by six child injuries.

The recalled Ethan Allen, Angel Line and Victory Land Heritage Collection 3-in-1 cribs have drop-sides that can detach due to faulty hardware or wear and tear, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. This can create a gap where young children can be trapped or suffocated.

A detached drop-side can also allow a child to fall out of the crib.

Drop-sides have been blamed in the deaths of at least 32 infants and toddlers since 2000, and are suspected in another 14 infant fatalities.

In the past five years, more than 9 million drop-side cribs have been recalled.

In July the CPSC proposed new rules that would ban the manufacture, sale and resale of drop-side cribs. The new crib standard is likely to take effect next year and would also outlaw

drop-sides at motels, hotels and childcare facilities. Friday's recall affects a total of about 40,650 cribs. Danbury, Conn.-based Ethan Allen has received five reports of incidents related to its Chinese- and American-made cribs, resulting in three minor injuries. These cribs were sold at Ethan Allen stores from 2002 to 2008.

Pennsville, N.J.-based Angel Line has received one report of a detached drop-side on a Chinese-made crib. No injuries were reported. The Angel Line cribs were sold at Ababy.com, Babyage.com and other online stores from December 2004 to January 2009.

Bartlett, Ill.-based Victory Land has received 17 reports of incidents involving its Heritage Collection cribs, including three reports of minor injuries. The cribs were manufactured in Vietnam and sold by Kmart from February 2007 to October 2008.

CPSC urged parents to stop using the cribs and contact the companies for a free repair kit. The agency suggested bassinets, play yards or toddler beds as potential safe alternatives, depending on the age of the child. □



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"I don't know what it's like to be picked on for being gay. But I do know what it's like to grow up feeling

that sometimes you don't belong," Obama said. "It's tough."

The victims of bullying can sometimes feel that they are responsible for the taunting because they're different or don't fit in with everybody else.

"But what I want to say is this: You are not alone. You didn't do anything wrong. You didn't do anything to deserve being bullied," Obama said.

He encouraged young people who are depressed or down on themselves to reach out to people they trust — parents, teachers, or "folks that you know care about you just the way you are."

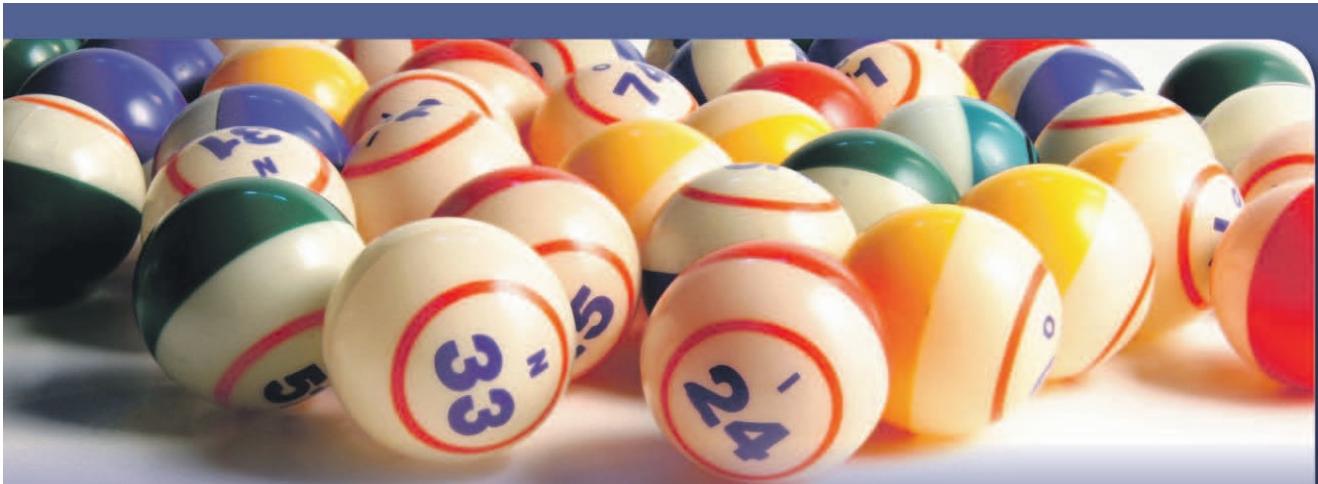
"Don't feel like you're in this by yourself," he advised.

Over time, Obama said, "you're going to see that your differences are a

source of pride and a source of strength."

Anti-gay bullying has been in the spotlight recently after the suicides of several teenagers. The victims included Asher Brown, 13, of Houston, who shot himself with his father's handgun, and Tyler Clementi, 18, the Rutgers University freshman who jumped off the George Washington Bridge in New York after his roommate secretly recorded him with another male student, then broadcast the video online. In a videotaped message posted earlier in the week, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said she was saddened by the suicides.

"These most recent deaths are a reminder that all Americans have to work harder to overcome bigotry and hatred," Clinton said. □



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OJ Simpson appeal denied by Nevada Supreme Court

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Supreme Court refused Friday to overturn O.J. Simpson's armed robbery and kidnapping convictions, rejecting a claim that prospective jurors were dismissed because they were black. Simpson attorney Yale Galanter planned to take Simpson's appeal to federal court after his 2008 conviction in the gunpoint heist in a Las Vegas hotel room was upheld.

"This is but the first step in a very long line of appeals that Mr. Simpson has before him," Galanter said.

Galanter was trying to reach Simpson in prison but had not yet spoken to the former NFL hall-of-famer, actor and advertising pitchman.

"I'm extremely disappointed," added Malcolm LaVergne, another Simpson lawyer. "I thought we had a very strong appeal."

The court said all eight separate issues raised in the appeal some alleging misconduct by prosecutors and the judge were without merit.

"We felt that we were on solid legal ground and that Judge Glass made appropriate decisions during the trial," Clark County District Attorney David Roger said.

Separately, the court ordered

the conviction of Simpson's co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart to be reversed and a new trial held. Stewart's lawyers successfully contended that Simpson's notoriety had hurt Stewart's ability to get a fair trial.

"This is no disrespect to O.J., but O.J. kind of made his own bed over the years," said attorney Brent Bryson, who represents Stewart. "My guy was kind of taken along for the ride." Bryson planned to meet with Clark County prosecutors to determine the next legal steps while trying to get Stewart released from prison. Roger said his office would decide how to proceed in the next few weeks.

Simpson, 63, is serving nine to 33 years at a state prison in Lovelock Correctional Center, 90 miles northeast of Reno. Stewart, 56, is serving 7 1/2 to 27 years in Northern Nevada Correctional Center, a medium-security prison in Carson City.

Both men were convicted of kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy and other crimes for what Simpson maintained was an attempt to retrieve stolen family photos and mementoes from memorabilia

dealers.

Middle-man Thomas Riccio arranged the Palace Station hotel room meeting for a client interested in obtaining Simpson mementos and other memorabilia from collectors Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley.

The client turned out to be Simpson, who entered the room with Riccio, Stewart and four other men. Two were armed. They left with pillow cases stuffed with the memorabilia and Fromong's hat and cell phone.

Riccio was granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for testimony and secret recordings given to police after he made \$210,000 selling excerpts to media outlets. The other men Walter "Goldie" Alexander, Michael "Spencer" McClinton, Charles Ehrlich and Charles Cashmore took plea deals and testified against Simpson and Stewart.

The key issues in the former football star's appeal were the racial makeup of the jury and the conduct of Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass.

Simpson's lawyers argued that prosecutors improperly rejected two jurors because they were African



American. But the court concluded that except for providing the race of the prospective jurors, the lawyers didn't offer any evidence of discrimination. Prosecutors gave race-neutral reasons for dismissing the jurors, the court said. □

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Branson dedicates spaceport runway in NM desert



UPHAM, N.M. — Virgin Galactic's Sir Richard Branson, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and prospective astronauts gathered in the southern New Mexico desert Friday to celebrate the completion of the runway at the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport.

Spaceport America is the world's first facility designed specifically to launch commercial spacecraft. The celebration of its nearly-two-mile-long runway comes less than two weeks after another

major step for Virgin Galactic: the first solo glide flight of its space tourism rocket ship. "Today is very personal as our dream becomes more real," Branson said. "People are beginning to believe now. I think the drop flight two weeks ago, which went beautifully, I think it made people sit up and realize this is really reality." The British billionaire said the next is more rocket testing, and getting the vehicle called SpaceShipTwo into space. He said he expects flights for space tourists to begin in nine to 18 months, and he will be

among the first passengers.

Stretching across a flat dusty plain 45 miles north of Las Cruces, the runway is designed to support almost every aircraft in the world, day-to-day space tourism and payload launch operations.

Virgin Galactic is the anchor tenant of the taxpayer-funded spaceport and plans to use the facility to take tourists on what will first be short hops into space. State officials want to add companies for other commercial space endeavors, such as research and payload delivery missions.

"Each flight we make, we'll learn more, we'll experience, we'll open up more opportunities that we cannot even conceive of today," Branson said. "This history, we're making it right now." Virgin Galactic's White Knight Two the special jet-powered mothership that will carry SpaceShipTwo to launch altitude also made an

appearance Friday, passing over the spaceport several times before landing on the new runway.

Tickets for suborbital space rides aboard SpaceShipTwo cost \$200,000. The 2 1/2-hour flights will include about five minutes of weightlessness. Some 380 customers have already made deposits totaling more than \$50 million, Virgin Galactic officials said Friday. Branson, the president of Virgin Group, which counts airlines, entertainment and mobile communications among its businesses, partnered with famed aviation designer Burt Rutan on the venture.

Until now, space travel has been limited to astronauts and a handful of wealthy people who have shelled out millions to ride Russian rockets to the international space station. Some of the soon-to-be astronauts attended Friday's runway dedication, joined by

Buzz Aldrin, who walked on the moon in 1969 as part of NASA's Apollo 11 mission.

While space tourism projects such as Virgin Galactic's venture receive plenty of publicity, the commercial space industry is seeing rapid developments with companies like SpaceX of Hawthorne, Calif., seeking to win NASA work to supply the International Space Station. SpaceX has successfully placed a dummy payload into orbit and has contracts to lift satellites next. Other firms, including Masten Space Systems of Mojave, Calif., and Armadillo Aerospace of Rockwell, Texas, are testing systems that would carry unmanned payloads to space. Last month, Congress approved legislation that affirms President Barack Obama's intent to use commercial carriers to lift humans into near-Earth space. □

Teacher drops lawsuit in burning crosses case

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio public school teacher accused of burning the mark of a cross on students' arms said Friday he dropped a lawsuit over his firing because it would have interfered with a public airing of his complaint in a different venue.

John Freshwater and his wife, Nancy, said in a statement to The Associated Press that he had been offered financial settlements in his lawsuit against current and former Mount Vernon school board members. An attorney for the school board, however, said her clients never made a settlement offer and no money was on the table. "We're dumbfounded," said Cleveland attorney Sarah Moore. "We can't even begin to speculate as to what he's trying to do."

Freshwater, who had worked for the district since 1987, has been suspended without pay since 2008. The school board voted unanimously to fire him after an internal investigation concluded that he had preached Christian beliefs in class. He also was accused of using a scientific device to mark several students' arms with a cross and of keeping a Bible on his desk.

Fired Ohio teachers can appeal to an outside referee, which Freshwater did.

A referee conducted a hearing that concluded in August but has yet to release his decision. Freshwater said he was offered money to drop the lawsuit and leave the district, but he said a settlement would have ended the state proceeding before the referee could issue his decision. "We have already spent our life savings and have pledged our farm to get to the truth," Freshwater said. "It is better to leave the money on the table than to take the Bible off of my desk."

A message left with Freshwater's attorney wasn't immediately returned.



In June, a court document indicated that Freshwater was in settlement talks with the district. At the time, Freshwater and the school board both asked a federal judge for a gag order ahead of confidential negotiations. No details of those negotiations were released.

Freshwater had claimed defamation and said he was harassed because of his religion and suffered a hostile work environment. He also claimed he faced discrimination because of his involvement with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes student group. His \$1 million lawsuit said an outside consultant's investigative report on Freshwater that was disseminated to the public was incomplete and contained "scandalous allegations" that could result in retaliation against him. He originally sought \$500,000 in lost wages, pension pay and lost opportunity costs and \$500,000 in punitive damages. However, the notice of the dismissal filed Thursday did not involve any payments. □



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Shark kills body boarder in Central California

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A body boarder bled to death Friday at a beach northwest of Los Angeles after a shark mauled his leg, authorities said, prompting officials to close three beaches through the weekend.

Lucas Ransom, 19, was boogie-boarding in the surf line about 100 yards off of Surf Beach with a friend when a shark suddenly pulled him under the water shortly before 9 a.m., according to a statement from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Ransom's friend and others at the beach pulled Ransom from the water, but the University of California, Santa Barbara, student had a severe wound to his left leg and died a short

time later, the statement said. Ransom, who was from Romoland in Riverside County, was a junior at UCSB majoring in chemical engineering, school spokesman Paul Desruisseaux said. Surf Beach, 130 miles

northwest of Los Angeles, is on the property of Vandenberg Air Force Base but is open to the public. Vandenberg closed Surf Beach and adjoining Wall and Minuteman beaches for at least three days.

There have been nearly 100 shark attacks in California since the 1920s, including a dozen that were fatal, according to the California Department of Fish and Game. But attacks have remained relatively rare even as the population of swimmers,

divers and surfers sharing the waters has soared.

The last shark attack on Surf Beach was in 2008, when what was believed to be a great white shark bit a surfer's board. The surfer was not harmed.

The last fatal attack in California was that same year, when triathlete David Martin, 66, bled to death after a great white shark bit his legs about 150 yards off of a San Diego County beach.

Randy Fry, 50, died from a great white attack in 2004 while diving off the coast of Mendocino, north of San Francisco Bay.

In 2003, a great white shark killed Deborah Franzman, 50, as she swam at Avila Beach, about 30 miles north



of Vandenberg.

Many attacks are attributed to great white sharks, which can grow to 21 feet long. They live in the cold waters of Northern California and are rarer in Central and Southern California, although they do visit there to give birth.

The type of shark that attacked Ransom was not immediately determined, but witnesses said it was 14 to 20 feet long.

Authorities have issued several warnings this year after great

white shark sightings up and down the California coast. Juvenile sharks eat fish, rays and other sea life, and the adults also eat seals and sea lions which can pose a problem for oceangoers, especially if they venture near marine mammal colonies.

The Fish and Game Department said sharks sometimes mistake people for seals or sea lions when swimmers wear a wet suit and fins or lay on a surfboard. □

Stevens plane crash survivor recounts experience

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Former NASA chief Sean O'Keefe was knocked unconscious when the floatplane he was in crashed on a remote mountainside in Alaska. He awoke in a daze with former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens sitting near him. O'Keefe, pinned from the knees down in the wreckage, checked Stevens for a pulse and realized his 86-year-old longtime friend was dead, he said in interviews aired on NBC's "Today" show Friday. Stevens was the longest serving Republican in Senate history, serving 40 years.

Four others among the nine on board also died in the Aug. 9 crash in southwest Alaska.

"The degree of separation between survival and not was a fraction of

what you'd ever imagine and it could have been anybody," O'Keefe said. "The randomness of this whole experience was such that ... any doubt you have about divine intervention goes away." He said he was greatly relieved that his 19-year-old son, Kevin O'Keefe, survived. "I can't even imagine surviving from this experience if he were not OK," he said.

The group was heading from a lodge to a fishing camp when the 1957 DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter plane went down.

There was no warning before the crash, said O'Keefe, who fractured his neck and broke an ankle. He still wears neck and leg braces.

After he regained consciousness, O'Keefe spent the first few moments,

"spitting out shards of teeth," he said.

He shouted out for his son, who was unconscious for a while. Then O'Keefe heard his son, whose seat was dislodged in the impact. The teen was suspended in the air, dangling in his harness. Kevin O'Keefe had a dislocated hip and broken jaw.

The other survivors are lobbyist Jim Morhard and 13-year-old Willy Phillips, the son of lobbyist William "Bill" Phillips Sr., who died in the crash. It fell to O'Keefe to tell him his father did not make it and he described the boy as incredibly mature. Willy Phillips was the only one who could still move around and he went outside to see if there was any way to communicate with planes that might fly overhead. □



McDonough chosen as Obama's No. 2 security adviser

By BEN FELLER,
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday promoted one of his key national security aides, Denis McDonough, to be his No. 2 national security adviser.

As deputy national security adviser, McDonough

will serve under the new national security adviser, Tom Donilon, who held the second-ranking job himself until recently being promoted earlier this month to succeed Gen. James Jones in the top position. McDonough's move was expected.

"For years, I have counted on Denis McDonough's

expertise and counsel," Obama said in a statement. McDonough has been serving as chief of staff to the National Security Council. Previously, he was the council's head of strategic communications under Obama, and he also served a senior adviser to Obama during his presidential run and his transition to the White House. □



In this Oct. 18, 2010, photo, former President Bill Clinton, right, waves with Sen. Patty Murray as they end a campaign appearance in Everett, Wash. Clinton, out of the Oval Office for nearly a decade and once considered a political liability, is campaigning for Democratic candidates at a pace no one can match, drawing big crowds and going to states that President Barack Obama avoids.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

By CHARLES BABINGTON,
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If the Republican wave on Nov. 2 ends up a bit weaker than many now predict, at least some of the credit will have to go to the former president, the most sought-after surrogate for dozens of anxious Democratic congressional and gubernatorial nominees. Always an intuitive campaigner who could slap backs and dissect policy with equal ease, Clinton has another appealing quality in these economic hard times: He left office amid high employment and a government surplus. Some people attending his rallies wear buttons saying "I miss peace, prosperity and

Clinton."

Clinton's staff says he has campaigned this year for more than 65 candidates at nearly 100 events. Many of the appearances took place in the past few weeks, when Clinton slowed his work on charitable projects, such as fighting AIDS and malaria, to focus on the election's final sprint.

The pace would tax anyone, not just a 64-year-old who had major heart surgery in 2004. Consider the past few days.

Clinton drew 5,000 people to an event Sunday in San Jose for California's gubernatorial and congressional Democrats, two days after speaking to 6,000 people at UCLA. On Monday afternoon, it was 2,000 people in Everett, Wash., for Sen. Patty Murray, and another 2,000 voters that night in Denver on behalf of Sen. Michael Bennet.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Clinton attended large and small events in the Florida cities of St. Petersburg,

Bill Clinton races to help Democratic candidates

Orlando and Miami for several Democratic candidates. On Thursday he headed to Asheville, N.C., to campaign for Rep. Heath Shuler in a swing district where Obama is unlikely to venture. Then he went north to Maryland to help Gov. Martin O'Malley. And he makes the message personal.

"This man has earned the right to be re-elected," Clinton told several hundred people at an outdoor rally for Shuler. "All of the things they say in the cartoon attacks don't apply to him. He's represented you faithfully." Obama, of course, can draw bigger crowds when he chooses, such as the 35,000 people who recently turned out at Ohio State University. But he's also burdened, like any sitting president, with tough and controversial decisions.

Clinton has had a decade for voters to forget some of his less popular actions. That makes him hugely attractive to Democrats seeking election next month. A recent Gallup poll found that voters of all stripes — Democrats, Republicans and independents — are more likely to be swayed by Clinton's endorsements than by Obama's.

Given Clinton's all-out defense of Obama's policies and the lawmakers who voted for them, it's easy to forget that the two men have never been close. Indeed, they feuded during the long 2008 presidential primary, in which Obama eventually defeated Clinton's wife,

Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In New Hampshire, ahead of its primary, a red-faced Bill Clinton said Obama's claims about foreseeing the Iraq war's difficulties were "the biggest fairy tale I've ever seen." When Obama won the South Carolina primary, the ex-president testily noted that Jesse Jackson had won it in 1984 and 1988. The remark angered many black voters and officials, who saw it as an effort to belittle Obama.

Obama, meanwhile, accused the Clintons of double-teaming him. "I can't tell who I'm running against sometimes," he said in one debate.

Hillary Clinton is now Obama's secretary of state, and if her husband nurses resentments, he hides it well. In speeches that often exceed 40 minutes, he gives detailed defenses of the new health care law, last year's economic stimulus plan and other Obama policies under fierce Republican attacks. Echoing Obama, Clinton warns that Republicans will take the nation backward if they regain control of Congress.

"I am pleading with you," he told the UCLA crowd. "Any college student in the state of California that doesn't vote in this election is committing malpractice on your own future."

He likens the tea party and its supporters to 19th century politicians. "Some of these positions people haven't held for 110 years," Clinton said in Denver.

In Maryland, he asked,

"Why in the world would anybody think about making a change?" Then he added: "We may not be out of the hole yet, but it was a real deep hole. At least we've stopped digging."

At the event for Murray, he said, "Don't be fooled, don't be played and don't stay home."

Nimo Hussein, 32, a registered nurse in the audience, told The Associated Press: "People love Bill Clinton."

It wasn't always so. His 1998 impeachment following the Monica Lewinsky scandal left him few Democratic friends for a time. His vice president, Al Gore, ran for president in 2000 by distancing himself from Clinton, a decision some say was fatal.

That seems long ago. Clinton now cannot accommodate all the candidates begging for his help.

"Nobody deconstructs the Republicans' arguments better than Bill Clinton," said Joel Johnson, a Washington lobbyist who was a top Clinton White House aide. "He just tears them apart in a way that is without malice or meanness. He does that with such an infectious sense of joy that it has the effect of really inspiring the base voters."

Democrats from the redwood forests to the Gulf stream waters are counting on Clinton to keep them from drowning on Nov. 2.

"When people see Bill Clinton," said Duke University political scientist David Rohde, "they think of better days." □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Green Card Lottery Draws Closer To Deadline

The U.S. Department of State's DV-2012 Diversity Visa lottery program registration period will end at noon on Wednesday, November 3rd. Nationals wishing to participate can do so by submitting a free electronic entry at www.dvlottery.state.gov. You may prepare and submit your own entry or have someone submit the entry for you. Note, however, that no individual, whether an attorney or other, can guarantee you a win since a computer will randomly select individuals from among all qualified entries. CaribWorldNews, WASHINGTON, D.C., Fri. Oct. 22, 2010: Caribbean and other nationals around the world hoping to take a chance on a green card lottery have exactly 12 days from today to get those entries in.

For another year, paper entries are not being accepted. Only one entry can be submitted per person. Nationals of Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean as well as Brazil, Canada, China (Mainland-Born), Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, South Korea, United Kingdom (Except Northern Ireland) And Its Dependent Territories, and Vietnam are exempt from applying.

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SAN NICOLAS - A dream of Parker Smith, Senior Editor of GOLF Magazine and Edward Gowan, Executive Director of the Arizona Golf Association, to establish a world-class golf resort on Aruba's eastern shore, is soon to move ahead.

Sunrise Rock Development Group, out of Pittsburgh, PA, will use a stretch of land beginning at the large red anchor, that marks the entrance to the old Lago Colony, and extends up Hospital Hill.

Golfers will enjoy a stunning view of the east coast while teeing off on the 18-hole course. The development will also feature a 270-room resort plus condominium complex. It will not impede access to Baby Beach or Boca Grande, though guests will have access stairs.

Prior to commitment to breaking ground, the company initiated environmental, social and financial impact studies. It is their firm belief the resort and golf course will only have the most positive effect

on the area. Alex Nieuwmeyer, General Manager of Divi Properties in Aruba, stated, "The golf course is planned as a habitat for flora and local fauna...We have every intention of maintaining the area around the east end of the island in a manner that will allow the local wildlife to flourish. The design of the course will place it among the top golfing experiences in the Caribbean, if not the world." Sunrise Rock Development Group expects to break ground in November. □

The Riviere Family

Celebrating family at Marriott's Surf Club



Brad & Dana Riviere, with their two sons Tyler and Branden, are pictured enjoying their last days of vacation at the Marriott's Aruba Surf Club. As Vacation Club owners, they love to come to Aruba and get away from all the stresses back home and just have lots of fun on their real home-away-from-home Aruba. Besides the luxury atmosphere and ambience the Marriott provides, they also enjoy other amenities around the island. □

Photos by Julia Renfro



Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino celebrates 20 years on Aruba



PALM BEACH - A grand celebration was held on Thursday evening for the Anniversary of the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino. When Hyatt opened its doors in Aruba twenty

years, the elegant new facility influenced the direction of Aruba's tourism industry. It was the unique and open air lobby that was among the most notable aspects. The resort also sported Aruba's first "free form" pool deck and waterslide. Ruinas del Mar, housing three separate eateries under one roof, was also groundbreaking in design

and cuisine. In late 2007, the resort unveiled renovations costing \$22 million, which included a completely new style of decor for all the rooms and public areas.

Management is also very proud to be the first major Palm Beach

Resort to receive an EC3 Green Globe Silver Certification for Outstanding Environmental

Efforts judged by the Earthcheck tool, based on close scrutiny of the resort's energy consumption, sustainability policy and even its parrot population.

It is a double celebration as the new General Manager, Fred Hoffman,

who was Banquet Manager when the resort opened in 1990, takes the helm from Susan Santiago, who

had been the first female GM of a major Palm Beach Resort. Fred is also celebrating his 20th anniversary with Hyatt.

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino is extending a number of special offers during this celebratory period; happy hours every night at The Palms and other surprises. All are welcome to stop by and congratulate



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The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Playa Linda Resort, where he calls



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To enter the lottery, you must have either a high school education or have successfully completed a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education or have two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience. It is also very important that all required photographs be submitted. Your entry will be disqualified if all required photographs are not submitted.

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The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered annually by the Department of State and makes up to 55,000 Diversity Visas available each fiscal year to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The Department of State implemented the electronic registration system beginning with DV-2005 in order to make the Diversity Visa process more efficient and secure.

From May 1, 2011, DV-2012 entrants will be able to use their unique confirmation number provided at registration to check online through Entry Status Check at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> to see if their entry was selected.

Successful entrants will receive instructions on how to apply for immigrant visas for themselves and their eligible family members. Confirmation of visa interview appointments will also be made through Entry Status Check. □



his home away from home. Andrew Napolitano was honored as a Distinguished

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HUMAN HINTS

Clarity Thru Enlightened Dementia

We can all gain Clarity Thru Enlightened Dementia. Dementia is from the Latin, without mind. Specifically, without logical mind. Bypassing logical mind is indeed a path to clarity. Bypassing the logical mind in order to understand your self is clarity thru enlightened dementia.

Dementia means that the thoughts you tell people exist outside of the boundaries of what the linear, logical mind of mass consciousness has agreed to. Dementia can be a good thing, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone. Thinking outside the norm enters the infinite world of imagination and bypasses the logical mind. It is also a powerful technique for bypassing an agreed-upon reality.

We must think beyond the norm if we are to master the physical realm. Dementia can be helpful if we use it properly. As long as we don't hurt our selves or anyone else, we should encourage our own dementia. It connects us to the infinite world of our own imagination, without conforming to the limitations of logical mind.

Dementia gives us answers and information that is not available from the logical mind. Our imagination opens us to infinite possibilities as long as we use it correctly. If a voice in your head tells you to do something that will have a negative affect, don't do it. We all entertain good and bad thoughts, and we can

all say yes or no to whatever is in our head.

Clarity thru enlightened dementia is the path of enlightenment. We become clear about ourselves by thinking differently than the masses. Have fun with it and you shall set your self free from the prison imposed by your logical linear mind.

Until Tomorrow.

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~Quentin Danziger

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WikiLeaks near release of secret U.S. war documents



In this Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 file picture, a U.S. soldier returns fire as others run for cover during a firefight with insurgents in the Badula Qulp area, West of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, near Marjah, where U.S. Marines are conducting an offensive against the Taliban.

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LONDON (AP) — The WikiLeaks website is poised to release what the Pentagon fears is the largest cache of secret U.S. documents in history — hundreds of thousands of intelligence reports that could amount to a classified history of the war in Iraq.

U.S. officials condemned the move and said Friday they were racing to contain the damage from the imminent release, while NATO's top official told reporters he feared that lives could be put at risk by the mammoth disclosure. NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said any release would create "a very unfortunate situation."

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"I can't comment on the details of the exact impact on security, but in general I can tell you that such leaks ... may have a very negative security impact for people involved," he told reporters Friday in Berlin following a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

In a posting to Twitter, the secret-spilling website said there would be a "major WikiLeaks announcement in Europe" at 0900 GMT (5 a.m. EDT) Saturday. The group has revealed almost nothing publicly about the nature of the announcement.

A U.S. Defense Department spokesman, Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan, echoed Rasmussen's stance, urging WikiLeaks to return the stolen material — some

400,000 secret files on Iraq that Pentagon officials believe someone slipped to the organization.

"We deplore WikiLeaks for inducing individuals to break the law, leak classified documents and then cavalierly share that secret information with the world, including our enemies," Lapan said. "By disclosing such sensitive information, WikiLeaks continues to put at risk the lives of our troops, their coalition partners and those Iraqis and Afghans working with us."

In Baghdad, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh and Col. Barry Johnson, a U.S. military spokesman, both declined to comment about the documents Friday night, saying they have not seen them yet.

Meanwhile, a team of more than a hundred analysts from across the U.S. military, led by the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been combing through the Iraq documents they think will be released in anticipation of the leak.

Called the Information Review Task Force, its analysts have pored over the documents and used word searches to try to pull out names and other issues that would be particularly sensitive, officials have said.

The task force has informed U.S. Central Command of some of the names of Iraqis and allies and other information they believe might be released that could present a danger, officials have said. They noted that — unlike the WikiLeaks previous disclosure of some 77,000 documents from Afghanistan — in this case

they had advance notice that names may be exposed.

Once officials see what is publicly released, the command "can quickly push the information down" to forces in Iraq, Lapan said Friday in Washington. "Centcom can jump into action and take whatever mitigating steps" might be needed, he said.

Throughout the conflict, the U.S. and its allies have relied heavily on Iraqis as translators and support workers, who were frequently targeted by insurgents. The Iraqis often hid their identities to avoid revealing their links to the Western forces and many emigrated to other nations to flee the threat of violence.

While the latest WikiLeaks revelations may not change public perceptions of the Iraq war — it has been extremely unpopular in Europe and divides opinion in the United States — they could provide new insight about a conflict that seemed headed for success after the invasion in 2003 before descending into a yearslong, blood-soaked struggle.

The documents could shed light on the root causes of the insurgency, for instance, or the growth of sectarian violence that blighted Baghdad and other Iraqi cities. It may also give a behind-the-scenes glimpse at some of the major episodes of the war — like the manhunt for insurgent chief Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, or the killing of U.S. security contractors on March 31, 2004, by a mob in Fallujah, an incident that led to the U.S. assault on the Iraqi city. The release of the documents

would come at a pivotal time for the U.S. in Iraq as the military prepares to withdraw all 50,000 remaining troops from the country by the end of next year, raising questions about the future of relations between the two countries. The U.S. military had as many as 170,000 troops in Iraq in 2007. Violence has declined sharply over the past two years, but near-daily bombings and shootings continue, casting doubt on the ability of Iraqi forces to protect the people. The situation has been exacerbated by growing frustration among the public over the failure of Iraqi politicians to unite and form a new government more than seven months after inconclusive parliamentary elections.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is struggling to remain in power since his Shiite alliance narrowly lost the March 7 vote to a Sunni-backed bloc led by rival Ayad Allawi.

Wikileaks' previous release in July of secret war documents from Iraq and Afghanistan outraged the Pentagon, which accused the group of being irresponsible. Fogh Rasmussen said Friday that leaks of this nature "may put soldiers as well as civilians at risk." It appears that those fears — which the military has invoked in its appeal to WikiLeaks and the media not to publish the documents — have yet to materialize. A Pentagon letter obtained by The Associated Press reported that no U.S. intelligence sources or practices were compromised by the Afghan war logs' disclosure. □

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7 dead, 25 missing after Typhoon Megi hits Taiwan

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Record rains from a powerful typhoon caused massive mud- and rockslides in Taiwan that buried a Buddhist temple and trapped vehicles on a highway, where one bus carrying 19 Chinese tourists was missing Friday.

The mudslide at the temple killed seven people, and overall, 25 people were missing in Taiwan as Typhoon Megi swept toward southern China, where landfall was expected late Friday or Saturday. The storm earlier killed 26 people and damaged homes and crops in the Philippines.

Megi dumped a record 45 inches of rain in Taiwan's Ilan county over 48 hours. It had winds of 90 mph and was about 275 miles southeast of Hong Kong on Friday evening, the Hong Kong Observatory said.

Seven people were killed at the White Cloud Temple in Suao city along the eastern coast when a mudslide buried the building, Taiwanese cable TV stations reported. Rescuers were using bulldozers to try to dig out two other people, Ilan county chief Lin Tsong-hsien said.

Two buses carrying Chinese

tourists were on a six-mile stretch of a coastal highway in Ilan that was hit by at least seven rockslides Thursday night, Premier Wu Den-yih said. Nineteen people on one bus were rescued — five with light to moderate injuries — but the Taiwanese driver and the Chinese tour guide were still missing, Wu said.

There had been no contact with the driver, tour guide and 19 tourists aboard the other bus, he said.

TV news reported a 500-yard stretch of the highway had collapsed. The rockslides trapped about 30 vans, buses and cars, officials said.

Air force helicopters were searching for the missing bus and some two dozen other travelers cut off by the rockslides, Interior Minister Chiang Yi-hua said. Those travelers were not in any immediate danger, officials said.

The storm dumped heavy rains throughout Taiwan, but Ilan, about 90 miles southeast of Taipei, was the hardest hit. Authorities said more than 2,500 residents had been evacuated. Broad swaths of farmland in the county were under many feet of water.

Earlier this week, Megi killed more than two dozen people and damaged thousands

of homes in the northern Philippines. The storm also forced 55,000 Filipinos from their homes and caused about \$175 million in damage to infrastructure and crops, disaster officials said.

Megi was expected to hit China's southern Guangdong and Fujian provinces between Friday night and Saturday, meteorologists said.

In Fujian, authorities said 161,800 people were evacuated to safer places.

An official in Guangdong's Shantou city said fishermen were told to return to ports and authorities designated some 200 buildings in the city as emergency shelters.

"This kind of strong typhoon is very rare for this season in Shantou. We are treating it as a 'super strong typhoon' and making our preparations accordingly," said a relief official who only gave his surname, Chen.



Capsized boats float in the Suao harbor following heavy rains from passing Typhoon Megi, Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, in Suao north eastern Taiwan. Taiwanese rescuers were searching for 19 Chinese tourists who remain unaccounted for after their tour bus was trapped by massive rockslides from the rains.

Hong Kong's main port remained partially shut, with leading port operator Hongkong International Terminals halting the processing of containers, the company said. In Vietnam, the death toll from severe flooding in four central provinces climbed to 75, including 14 victims from a bus swept off a road by strong currents, with six passengers still missing, disaster officials said Friday.

Meanwhile, another storm, Cyclone Giri, was spinning in the Bay of Bengal and likely to make landfall Saturday in western Myanmar. The storm was expected to hit with winds of 75 mph and a tidal surge as high as 12 feet. Cyclone Nargis in 2008 killed 130,000 people in Myanmar. □

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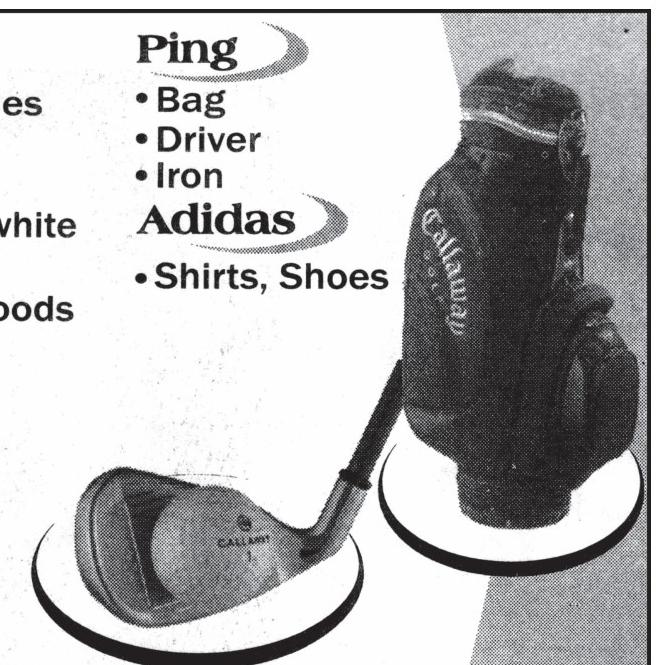
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62! French Senate passes pension overhaul

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PARIS (AP) — Under pressure from the government, the French Senate voted Friday to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62, a victory for President Nicolas Sarkozy after days of street rage, acrimonious debate and strikes that dried up the supply of gasoline across the country.

The vote all but sealed passage of the highly unpopular measure, but it was unlikely to end the increasingly radicalized protests. The coming days promised more work stoppages and demonstrations by those who feel changing the retirement age threatens a French birthright.

Sarkozy made overhauling the money-losing pension system a centerpiece of his project to modernize France.



French Senator Isabelle Debre, right, votes on a pension reform for members of UMP, at the Senate in Paris, Friday, Oct. 22, 2010. The French Senate is to vote on a pension reform, after the government short-circuited a protracted debate.

Undaunted by weeks of strikes, he ordered measures to unblock fuel depots and refineries to get gas flowing again to desperate motorists.

"History (will remember) who spoke the truth," Sarkozy declared during a visit Friday to a factory in central France. "What do you expect of a president? That he tells the truth and does what must be done."

With about a quarter of gas stations on empty — down from a third earlier in the week — motorists have been forced to reinvent their lives, particularly at the start of a school vacation period Saturday.

Hours before Friday's vote, riot police forced the reopening of a strategic refinery to help halt crippling fuel shortages.

The impact on the crucial energy sector was an ominous specter for whole sectors of the economy. Employment Minister Laurent Wauquiez said this week that 1,500 jobs have been lost daily since the strikes began in earnest on Oct. 12.

Friday's vote came after some 140 hours of debate, with senators casting ballots by hand into a large green urn, approving the bill 177-153.

unflagging determination by unions, now joined by students, to keep protests alive — even through the upcoming week of school holidays.

Students planned to block schools Tuesday, and unions scheduled strikes and protests for Thursday and again Nov. 6.

Sarkozy says overhauling the pension system is vital to ensuring benefits for future generations. Many European governments are making similar choices as populations live longer and government debts soar.

But French unions say the minimum retirement age of 60, in place since 1982, is a hard-earned right and maintain the working class will be unfairly punished.

Many fear it is also a first step to dismantling an entire network of benefits, including long vacations and state-subsidized health care, that make France an enviable place to work and live.

Guy Fischer, a Communist senator, denounced the pension overhaul as "brutal, unjust and inefficient." Like other critics, he said that under the proposal, 85 percent of costs are paid by workers, leaving companies off the hook.

The legislation phases in the new system, with retirement at 62 in force in 2018. It also raises the age for retirement with full benefits from 65 to 67.

Hours before the Senate vote, helmeted riot police in body armor shoved striking workers aside to force open the gates of the Total SA refinery at Grandpuits, east of Paris, one of four refineries in the Paris region. A bastion of resistance, Grandpuits had been shut down for nine days — one of the nations' 12 refineries on strike. □



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Austrian with high-tech robot arm dies after crash

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Associated Press Writer

VIENNA (AP) — In the five years since losing both arms in an accident, Christian Kandlbauer had regained much of his cherished independence thanks to a high-tech, mind-controlled robotic limb. He even got a driver's license.

Now the 22-year-old has died of injuries suffered when the car he was driving veered off the road and struck a tree. The cause of the crash is unknown — including whether the arm had anything to do with it. "Don't live for others, live for yourself!" Kandlbauer had written on his website, which on Friday was filled with condolences after hospital officials in the southern city of Graz said he did not recover from injuries sustained in Tuesday's accident.

Kandlbauer was the first person outside the United States to wear the innovative, robotic limb that recognized

signals from his brain and moved accordingly, said Otto Bock of HealthCare Products GmbH that produced the prosthesis.

With a normal prosthesis for his right arm and the high-tech prosthesis in place of his left, Kandlbauer's daily life had largely returned to normal. He was able to get a job at a warehouse for an auto repair shop and obtain his driver's license in October 2009.

"Thanks to the mind-controlled prosthesis, I'm almost as independent and self-reliant as I was before my accident," he said in comments on the Otto Bock HealthCare Products GmbH website. "I can pretty much live the life before the accident."

For the prosthesis to work, four of Kandlbauer's nerves were redirected to his left chest muscles, expert Hubert Egger was quoted as saying on the website in describing the experimental prosthetic. To enable Kandlbauer

to drive himself to work every morning, his Subaru Impreza was adapted with special equipment, including a modified emergency brake and a button to operate the horn, indicator lights and windshield wipers. It was approved by local transportation authorities.

"I like driving," the boyish-faced video game enthusiast said on his site, and he punctuated the remark with a smiley emoticon.

He also posted photos of himself exuding confidence as he sat at the wheel in a white, short-sleeved shirt. Interviewed earlier this year by the BBC, he said he felt



The Nov. 27, 2009 file photo shows Christian Kandlbauer sitting in his car during the presentation of an artificial arm in Vienna.

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very happy with the high-tech arm.

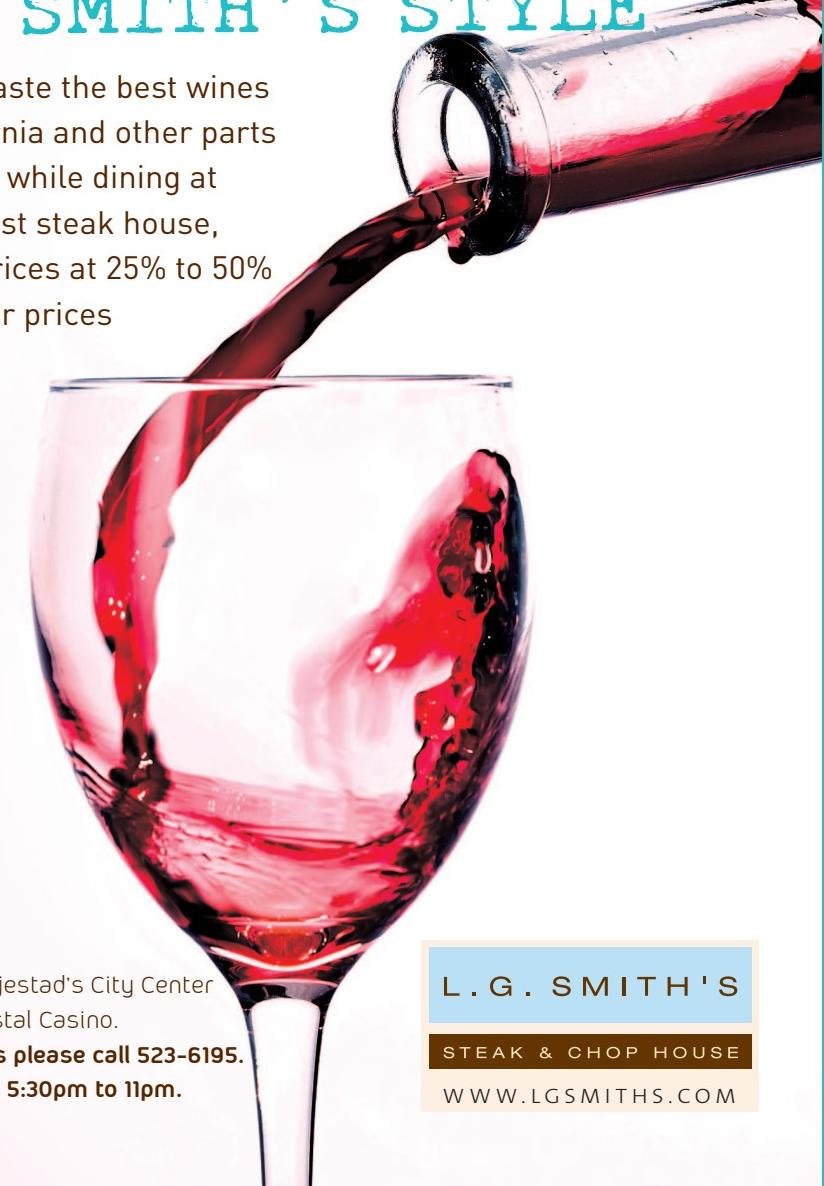
"It is like my earlier arm," Kandlbauer had said. "I feel that my arm is a part of my body." He said he lost both arms when he was 17 after climbing up a utility pole and getting shocked by touching

a power line in September 2005.

His disability certainly didn't keep him from making plans. Aside from getting his driver's license, other goals included moving into his own home and taking a trip to Australia. □

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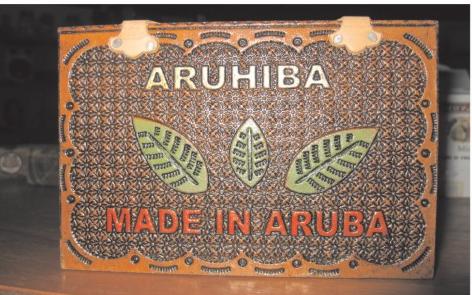
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Armstrong still working on 2011 racing schedule

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong won't be riding in the Tour de France anymore, but he'll still compete in smaller races next year, seeing himself as an ambassador in the fight against cancer.

The questions are what races, where and when — and what happens if a federal investigation into allegations of doping by Armstrong and other professional cyclists drags into next year.

The 39-year-old Texan has yet to announce where he'll race in 2011. A spokesman for his RadioShack team said its directors are scheduled to meet as early as next week to draft their racing calendar.

The team could compete in the entire schedule of International Cycling Union events, RadioShack spokesman Philippe Maertens said.

As for Armstrong, Maertens said in an e-mail: "I am sure that also Lance still has to figure it out."

Armstrong's girlfriend Anna Hansen earlier this week gave birth to their second child (his fifth), daughter Olivia, in Aspen, Colo. He's in Austin this weekend to participate in the Ride for the Roses weekend to celebrate big donors to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Several members of his RadioShack team, including Levi Leipheimer, are scheduled to participate as well.

Most of the events Armstrong will attend are private except for Sunday morning's Livestrong challenge ride that typically draws thousands of cyclists.

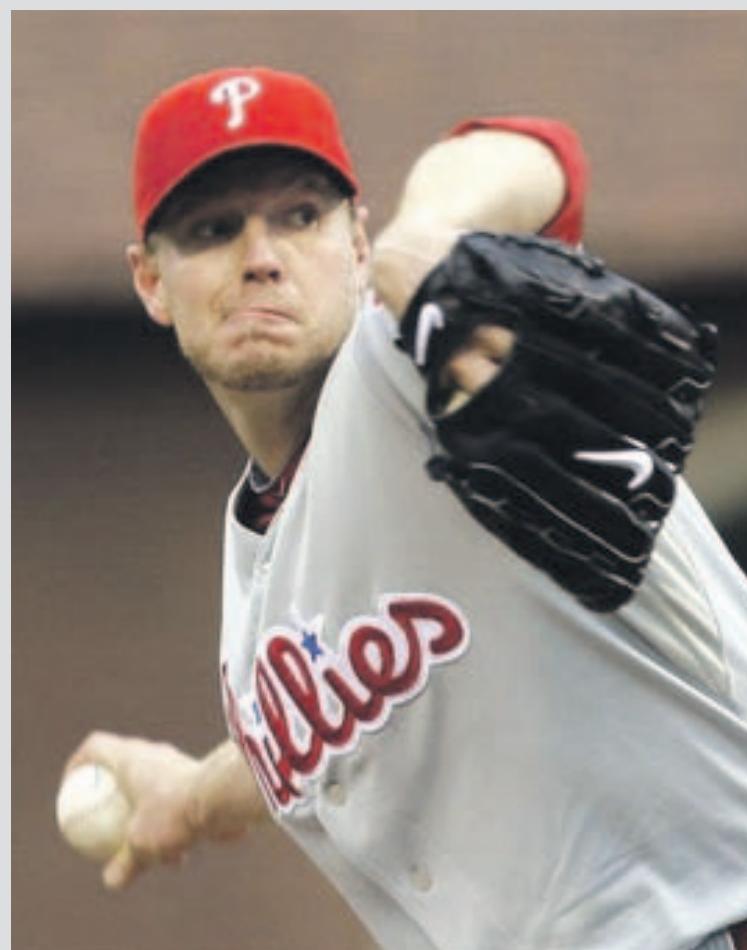
Armstrong's hasn't raced competitively since finishing 23rd in his final Tour de France in July.

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Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Leon Hall lies on the turf beside a penalty flag as he awaits the officials decision on pass interference during the second half of their NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Cincinnati, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Hall was called for the foul.

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Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Roy Halladay throws during the first inning of Game 5 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the San Francisco Giants Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, in San Francisco.

Halladay comes through to send NLCS back to Philly

By JANIE McCUALEY

AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Roy Halladay pulled his groin in the second inning and most of his teammates had no idea.

The pitcher just stuck it out like the ace he is for the Philadelphia Phillies, who are headed home still with a shot at a third straight National League pennant thanks to Halladay's latest gutsy effort.

"The guy's just a tough guy," Placido Polanco said. "He didn't show it."

Halladay outdueled Tim Lincecum and kept the Phillies alive with a 4-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Thursday night that pulled Philadelphia to 3-2 in the NL championship series.

Now, the Phillies will turn to their other star Roy — Oswalt — to keep them going in Game 6 on Saturday back home at Citizens Bank Park. Oswalt beat the Giants in Game 2, then was the loser in relief in Wednesday night's Game 4. He is 10-0 in 12 starts in Philly this year.

Jonathan Sanchez goes for the Giants, who need one win in two tries to reach their first World Series in eight years.

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Uchimura, Mustafina win all-around at worlds

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AP Sports Writer

R O T T E R D A M , Netherlands (AP) — Japan's Kohei Uchimura overcame a shoulder injury to retain his all-around title Friday, while Russian newcomer Aliya Mustafina won the women's event for her second gold at the world gymnastics championships. Uchimura gave a command performance with six consistently good scores to win the title with 92.331 points for a huge 2.283 margin over silver medalist Philipp Boy of Germany. Jonathan Horton of the United States was 2.467 behind for bronze.

The women's all-around saw the emergence of 16-year-old Mustafina, who won the individual event with aplomb after leading Russia to the team title earlier in the week. She is going for four more medals in the apparatus



Gold medallist Kohei Uchimura of Japan, left, shows his medal as he is interviewed after the men's individual all-around final of the World Championships Gymnastics in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Friday Oct. 22, 2010. At left is Koji Uematsu of Japan; and member of the Russian team hugs gold medallist Aliya Mustafina of Russia after her last performance during the women's individual all-around final of the World Championships Gymnastics in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Friday Oct. 22, 2010.

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finals over the weekend. Applauding her rivals and dismissing intense pressure with one star performance after another, Mustafina was oblivious to the tension that afflicted other challengers. "No pressure," she said in comments as simple as her performance was complex.

The teenager could end up with six golds, a prospect that surely must daunt her. "Normal, like always," she said. But it was not a "normal" day for Russia, which had not won a medal in the last world championships or Olympics. It now leads with two golds, courtesy of Mustafina.

She finished with 61.023, beating China's Jiang Yuyan by 1.034. American Rebecca Bross took bronze with 58.966.

After winning gold and silver at the last world championships and Olympics, it was a disappointing night for the United States, with last year's runner up Rebecca Bross falling off the beam and Alexandra Reisman doing likewise on the uneven bar.

"I tried my hardest to stay on, but it didn't work out too well," said Bross, who was able to laugh about it after recovering from bronze with a good floor exercise. "Obviously I am a bit disappointed, not because it is a bronze medal but because I had a mistake."

Moscowite student Mustafina has wowed the crowds all week with a rare combination of power, elevation and elegance and combined all of her talent with amazing grace in the

floor exercise to wrap up her first major individual title.

Mustafina led from start to finish, first outvaulting her top rivals before extending her lead on the uneven bars. She went first on the beam and nailed all of her jumps. The 21-year-old Uchimura has already led Japan to the team silver medal behind China on Thursday. He has also qualified for two apparatus finals this weekend.

"The first thing I want now is rest," he said after 11 apparatus performances in just over 24 hours.

Even after Friday's stunning performance, Uchimura did little more than wave and smile at the rapturous crowd of 7,000 at the Ahoy Arena, where the Japanese flags were flying high.

Uchimura used the same smooth grace that gave him all-around silver at the Beijing Olympics and gold at the world championships in London last year. Now, he proved even pain and injury can't stop him in the competition that crowns the world's greatest gymnast.

"It is the adrenaline," he said through a translator. He came to Rotterdam with an inflamed shoulder and said the pain was getting progressively worse. Still, once he focused on the competition, there was no

room for distraction.

"A bum shoulder, no shoulder, no arms. The guy is ridiculous. Uchimura — he is a machine," bronze medalist Horton said.

In Uchimura's shadow, Boy took over the role of the absent Fabian Hambuechen to earn a surprise silver with clean routines throughout. Horton was strong for most of the night but a few steps because of too much forward momentum on his landing in the vault may have cost him silver.

"It is 100 percent a dream," Boy said. "After the team bronze (with Germany) on Thursday. Now the silver ... It is absolute madness."

Uchimura started to dominate from the opening floor event, flying higher and landing steadier and softer than anybody else to open up a huge half-point margin.

If he was going to show some weakness, it was going to be on the third event, the rings. Team officials even added more skin-colored tape to his left shoulder, knowing it was the toughest test of his injury.

"I felt some tightness after the horse and they took care of that," he said.

He carried on with another near-flawless performance, swinging freely before hanging dead-still in a skip of a beat. When he nailed his landing, he had yet again increased his lead over everyone else in the top group — except Horton, who got the best ring marks.

At the halfway point, Uchimura had made the competition his to lose. At 21, he was the youngest of the top performers.

He lined up his vault like a shooter looking for his aim and executed with a precision and height that have become his trademarks. By that time, the race for gold was as good as over. □

MLS-Roundup

Red Bulls beat Revolution 2-0, clinching East top seed

HARRISON, New Jersey (AP) — The New York Red Bulls completed a remarkable turnaround for the season, clinching the Eastern Conference title with a 2-0 victory over the New England Revolution on Thursday with goals by Dane Richards and Joel Lindpere.

Playing without star forward Thierry Henry, who missed his second straight game because of an injured right knee, the Red Bulls completed their 15th win of the season, up from five last year. The 10-win improvement equaled the 2000 MetroStars — the team's previous name — for the biggest one-season improvement in Major League Soccer history.

New York opens the playoffs against San Jose, Colorado or Seattle next week and hosts the second leg of the home-and-away series on Nov. 4. Richards scored from a pass



New York Red Bulls' Joel Lindpere, left, celebrates with teammate Dane Richards after scoring during the second half of an MLS soccer game against the New England Revolution, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, in Harrison, N.J. Richards also scored as the Red Bulls won 2-0.

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by Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel in the 17th minute and Lindpere, a member of Estonia's national team, scored his third goal of the season two minutes into stoppage time. □

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"Obviously, we play good at our ballpark in front of our fans, and kind of regained home-field advantage a little bit," right fielder Jayson Werth said.

With the New York Yankees facing the Texas Rangers in Game 6 of the ALCS on Friday night, it is the first time since 2004 that both league championship series have gone at least six games.

Having spoiled the Giants' clinching party, the Phillies headed off on a redeye charter hoping to stage a celebration of their own this weekend.

A few of Halladay's teammates had noticed he wasn't at his best when his velocity dropped.

"It was just something to deal with. You make adjustments and pitch your way through it," Halladay said of his injured right groin. "We know

we can win. It's a matter of going out and doing it. We continue to plug away."

Werth's solo homer in the ninth quieted the raucous sellout crowd of 43,713, and many fans began making for the exits even before the final out. Werth's 13 career postseason homers are tied for the most by NL players.

A bunt by Halladay — which appeared to be foul — also helped spark a three-run third inning, when Shane Victorino drove in the first of two runs that scored on a fielding error by first baseman Aubrey Huff. Victorino's hard grounder hit off the bottom of Huff's glove and wound up in shallow center field as two runs scored. Polanco followed with an RBI single that made it 3-1.

Halladay improved to 2-1 with a 2.45 ERA in three postseason starts this year, doing it despite the injury, which he sustained in the second inning.



The Philadelphia Phillies celebrate after Game 5 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the San Francisco Giants Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, in San Francisco. The Phillies won 4-2 and the Giants lead the series 3-2.

"Of course, he stayed in there," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "He was determined he was going to stay in there."

Philadelphia took this matchup of Cy Young Award winners after Lincecum came out on top in the opener. The Giants now must win once in two tries on the road for the franchise's fourth pennant since moving West in 1958. San Francisco has not been to the World Series since the Giants' Barry Bonds-led team lost Game 7 to the Angels in 2002.

After Ryan Madson struck out the Giants' 4-5-6 hitters in the eighth, Brad Lidge finished with a perfect ninth for his second save this postseason. Philadelphia will try to become the 12th team to rally from a 3-1 deficit in a best-of-seven series. The Red Sox were the last to do it, in the 2007 ALCS against Cleveland.

"From our perspective, we see

ourselves more in the driver's seat than them," Lincecum said.

San Francisco put the possible tying run in scoring position in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings but couldn't capitalize, losing in a potential postseason clincher at home for the first time since Game 7 of the 1962 World Series against the New York Yankees.

In a series dominated by pitching, the Phillies are hitting just .209 and the Giants .220. Little has separated the teams — and despite trailing in the series, Philadelphia has outscored San Francisco 18-16.

Halladay stared down Pat Burrell after a called third strike to end the first, and Burrell jawed at Halladay while sprinkling in profanities. Clearly fuming in the dugout, Halladay returned to the mound seemingly unfazed by that moment or a steady drizzle that hit during parts of the later innings.

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Lincecum, the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner, was 2-0 so far this postseason and pitched another solid game except for one rough inning, but the offense failed to back him.

"We just didn't play great fundamental baseball tonight," Huff said. "No doubt the error was big but we weren't able to get the big hit with runners in scoring position."

Cody Ross, who homered twice off Halladay in Game 1, struck out swinging to start the second but hit an RBI double in his next at-bat in the fourth to pull the Giants to 3-2. Burrell doubled ahead of Ross, but the Giants did little else.

"With this club, we don't do anything easy," manager Bruce Bochy said.

"What they've been through, they'll put this behind us. Believe me, under no illusion did we think this was going to be easy playing a great club."

Favre investigation still ongoing

BY BARRY WILNER**AP Pro Football Writer**

NEW YORK — The NFL still is investigating allegations that Vikings quarterback Brett Favre sent lewd photos and inappropriate text messages to a New York Jets game hostess two years ago, with the door open to a conversation between the woman and league officials.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Friday the review is ongoing.

"At this point we have not reached any conclusions," Aiello said. "We will continue to pursue opportunities to speak with individuals that potentially have information."

Phil Reese, the manager for the former hostess, Jenn Sterger, told The Associated Press that she is "strongly considering" speaking with NFL officials conducting the probe.

"We're certainly headed in that direction," added her lawyer, Joseph Conway. "We do have a dialogue with the NFL in terms of a potential meeting. There's nothing definitive."

The New York Daily News first reported that Sterger may meet with NFL investigators next week, citing unidentified sources.

Now the Vikings QB, Favre was interviewed by NFL vice president for security Milt Ahlerich on Tuesday about his alleged advances toward Sterger in 2008, when Favre played for the Jets. Neither he nor the NFL has provided details of that meeting. □

NHL Roundup

Bruins win 4th straight, beat Capitals 4-1

BOSTON (AP) — Nathan Horton scored his fourth goal in five games, and Tim Thomas made 38 saves as the Boston Bruins won their fourth straight game with a 4-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday. Michael Ryder and rookie Jordan Caron also scored for Boston. Patrice Bergeron earned his first points of the season with a pair of assists, and Tyler Seguin, this year's No. 2 overall draft choice, also had an assist in his first game in front of a Boston crowd.

Jason Chimera scored, and Semyon Varlamov stopped 30 shots for the Capitals, who have lost two consecutive games to Boston.

Rangers 2, Maple Leafs 1

At Toronto, Ruslan Fedotenko and Artem Anisimov scored first-period goals, and Martin Biron made 24 saves in his Rangers' debut as New York beat Toronto.

Biron was strong in goal for the Rangers (2-2-1), who despite missing top forwards Marian Gaborik and Chris Drury, earned their first victory since opening night at Buffalo.

Colby Armstrong scored for Toronto.

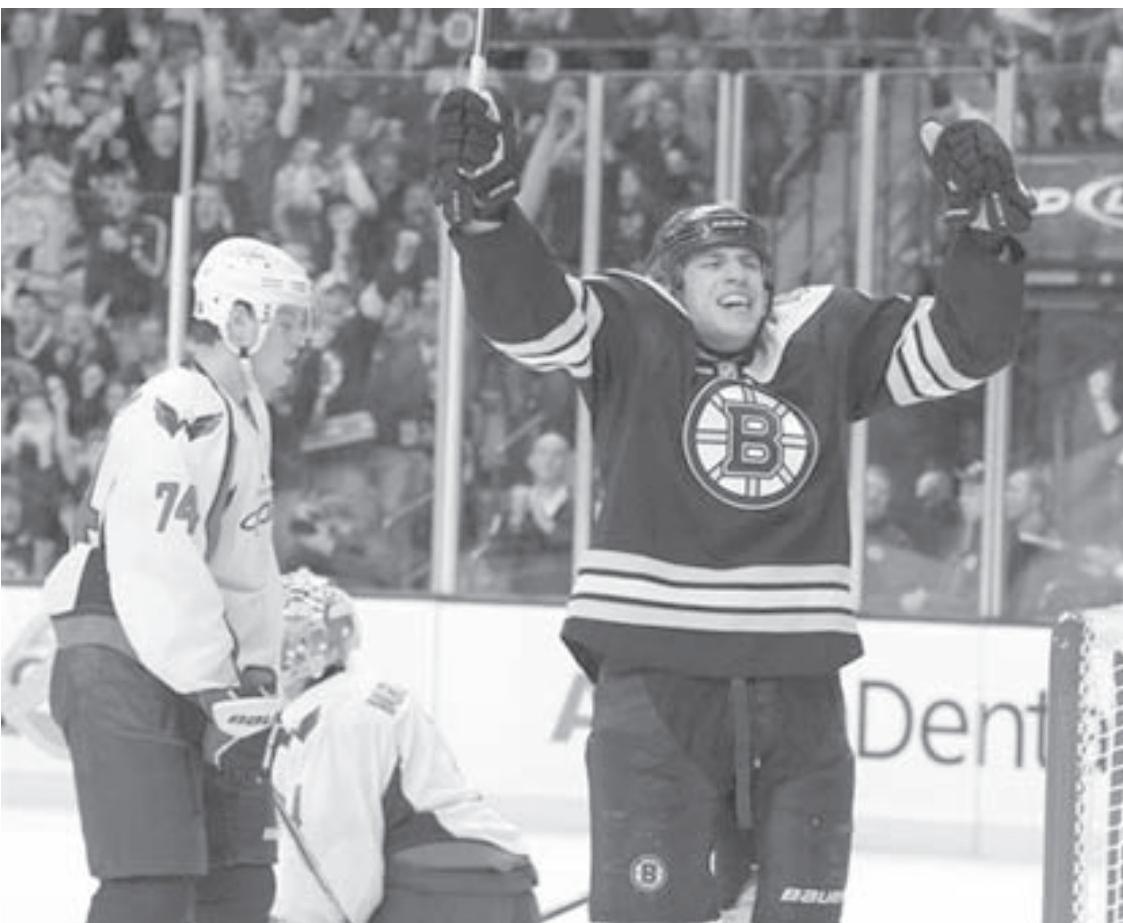
Ducks 3, Flyers 2

At Philadelphia, Ryan Getzlaf scored with 1:46 left in the third period, sending Anaheim over Philadelphia.

Flyers goalie Sergei Bobrovsky appeared to have covered the puck, but officials said it went over the line. The goal was confirmed by video replay.

Lubomir Visnovsky and Jason Blake also scored for Anaheim, which had scored only three goals in four road games. Visnovsky made it 1-0 just 35 seconds into the game. Scott Hartnell tied it nearly three minutes later.

Claude Giroux also scored for the Flyers.



Boston Bruins' Milan Lucic, right, reacts after a Boston goal, as Washington Capitals goalie Semyon Varlamov (1) and Capitals' John Carlson (74) react during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Boston, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010.

Red Wings 4, Flames 2

At Detroit, Johan Franzen's third-period goal broke a tie, and Henrik Zetterberg and Todd Bertuzzi both had a goal and an assist in Detroit's win over Calgary.

Nicklas Lidstrom also scored for Detroit. Pavel Datsyuk had two assists, and Jimmy Howard made 34 saves. Mikael Backlund scored both of Calgary's goals, and Curtis Glencross assisted on each. Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 26 shots.

Devils 3, Canadiens 0

At Montreal, Martin Brodeur made 29 saves for his 112th NHL shutout, and Jason Arnott had a goal and an assist to lead New Jersey past Montreal. Brodeur stuck out his left pad to stop Mike Cammalleri early in the third, protecting a 2-0 lead on his way to his second shutout of the season and 604th career win. The league's career leader in wins and shutouts stopped 24 shots in a 1-0 win at Buffalo on Oct. 13 in New Jersey's only other victory.

Arnott, who scored in the second, assisted on Matt Taormina's goal 3:38 into the

third. Zach Parise also scored for New Jersey.

Islanders 3, Lightning 2, OT

At Tampa, Florida, Matt Moulson scored a delayed, video-reviewed goal in overtime to help the New York Islanders beat Tampa.

Moulson was credited with an in-close goal at 1:56. Officials reviewing the play ruled that the puck went off the glove of goalie Dan Ellis and completely over the goal line before Ellis swiped the puck back into play.

Michael Grabner and P.A. Parenteau also scored for the Islanders.

The Lightning got goals from Sean Bergenheim and Martin St. Louis. Tampa Bay center Vincent Lecavalier returned to the lineup after missing one game because of a right hand injury.

Stars 4, Panthers 1

At Sunrise, Florida, Tom Wandell scored two goals to carry Dallas over Florida.

Steve Ott and James Neal also scored for the Stars (5-1). Jamie Benn, back in the lineup after missing three games due to concussion-like symptoms, had three assists. Kari

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Lehtonen made 28 saves and improved to 13-5-4 against Florida.

Lehtonen was 3:06 away from his fourth shutout against the Panthers when Stephen Weiss scored his first of the season.

Penguins 4, Predators 3

At Nashville, Tennessee, Kris Letang scored from a slap shot 3:49 into overtime as Pittsburgh beat Nashville.

Sidney Crosby added two goals and an assist for Pittsburgh. Evgeni Malkin had a goal and an assist and Letang helped set up two scores, in addition to his winning goal.

David Legwand, Cody Franson and Patric Hornqvist

scored for Nashville, which has played three consecutive overtime games. Martin Erat had two assists.

Sharks 4, Avalanche 2

At Denver, Joe Pavelski scored two power-play goals in the second period and Antero Niittymaki made 29 saves, helping the San Jose Sharks beat the Colorado Avalanche.

Scott Nichol had a goal, and Logan Couture added an empty-netter for the Sharks, who won for the first time this season on North American

ice. San Jose had gone three games without a victory since opening the season with a victory in Stockholm, Sweden.

Kyle Cumiskey and Milan Hejduk scored for the Avalanche as they returned home following a 10-day road swing in which they finished 3-2.

Wild 4, Oilers 2

At Edmonton, Alberta, Kyle Brodziak scored a pair of goals and the Minnesota Wild beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-2. Guillaume Latendresse and Brent Burns also scored for the Wild (3-2-1), who won their second straight and improved to 3-2-1.

Ales Hemsky and Shawn Horcoff had goals for the Oilers (2-3-1), who have lost three in a row.

Minnesota took a 1-0 lead less than three minutes in when Brodziak — stopped on a 2-on-1 rush by goalie Nikolai Khabibulin — was left alone at the side of the net to dig out the rebound for his first of the season.

Brodziak had his second of the game three minutes later, taking a backhanded pass from Latendresse and firing a shot into the net.

The Oilers cut into the lead 12:42 into the first while on the power play. Defenseman Kurtis Foster earned his first point with the Oilers, sending the puck from the point to Hemsky, who feathered a shot past goalie Niklas Backstrom. But just over a minute later, the Wild responded with a power-pay goal.

Coyotes 4, Kings 2

At Phoenix, Lee Stempniak scored three goals for his first NHL hat trick and the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Los Angeles Kings 4-2.

Andrew Ebbett added a short-handed goal, and Ed Jovanovski had three assists for the Coyotes, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Wayne Simmonds scored his first two goals of the season for the Kings, whose two losses this season have come on the second night of back-to-back games. □

NFL Preview

Desperation time for 4 teams in NFL Week 7

BARRY WILNER**AP Pro Football Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — It's already desperation time for some NFL teams. Without wins this weekend, the Dallas Cowboys, San Diego Chargers, Minnesota Vikings and Cincinnati Bengals, all division winners last season, might become irrelevant.

Minnesota has the best opportunity to set things right when Brett Favre leads the Vikings into Lambeau Field, where the sight of him in purple makes fans of his former Green Bay Packers turn, well, purple in anger.

Favre will set yet another NFL record on Sunday with his 119th start at Lambeau, the most in one stadium, surpassing John Elway, who had 118 at Mile High Stadium in Denver.

The Vikings haven't won on the road since beating the Packers last Nov. 1. But a win puts them right back in the NFC North division race, where Chicago has a surprising 4-2 win-loss record, yet has been slumping lately.

"I'm reluctant to say I'm excited about coming back," Favre says. "I know how tough it is to play there. But it's a huge challenge and we need a victory."

Despite the distractions surrounding Favre and allegations he sent lewd photos and racy messages to a former game hostess with the New York Jets in 2008, the Vikings beat Dallas last week with some big plays, notably Percy Harvin's 95-yard kickoff return. If they don't keep the turnaround going, the climb back to playoffs contention could become too steep: Minnesota visits New England next weekend.

The Packers are banged up, especially on defense,

and will need a strong pass rush in what is sure to be a hyped-up atmosphere. They should get back linebacker Clay Matthews, who leads the NFL in sacks with 8½, but missed last week's loss to Miami with a hamstring injury.

"The guy, he's something else, man," Packers defensive tackle Ryan Pickett says. "We definitely need him. Our defense is not the same without him." Dallas can make inroads in the NFC East on Monday with a win over the New York Giants, who finally get to play a division opponent seven weeks into the season.

Pass protection will be at a premium in Cowboys Stadium. The Giants have won three straight games thanks to a sacks parade: Defensive end Osi Umenyiora has seven sacks and six forced fumbles in that span. New York has 21 sacks, tied for the NFC lead.

The Cowboys also can get after the quarterback through DeMarcus Ware and Anthony Spencer.

One major difference between the teams is that Giants quarterback Eli Manning is calmer under pressure than the Cowboys' Tony Romo. And the pressure sure is on in Dallas. "We believe in each other," safety Gerald Sensabaugh says. "We've got a good team. We're just making simple mistakes that we need to correct."

The Bengals travel to the Atlanta Falcons knowing they can't afford many more slips in the AFC North, which also houses two of the league's best teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens.

The Bengals' last two outings were disturbing. After losses to Cleveland

and Tampa Bay, they step up in class — even if the Falcons looked pretty weak last week at Philadelphia.

"It's do or die," Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco says. "We're 2-3. To get into a hole at 2-4 is a no-no. I'm sure people are not going to take it like that, but it is, to salvage what we do have left of our season."

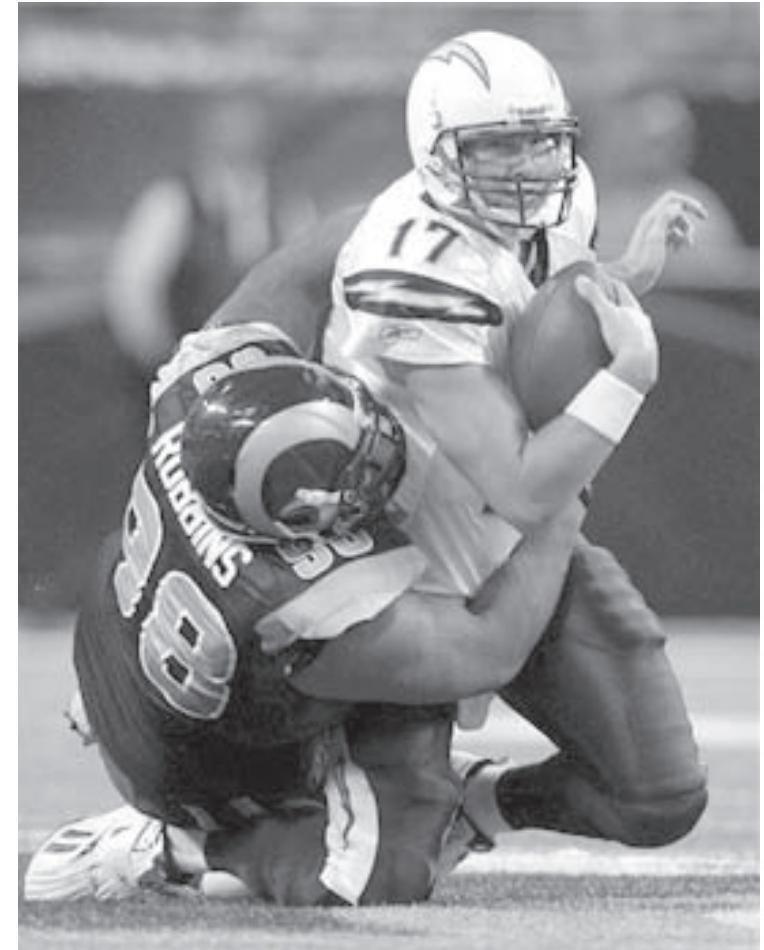
San Diego, shockingly tied for last place in the AFC West at 2-4, might have the toughest assignment when it entertains New England. Panic hasn't quite set in yet in San Diego because the Chargers often start a season slowly. Last year, they went from 2-3 to 13-3 and ran away with the AFC West.

Tight end Antonio Gates has been unstoppable and quarterback Philip Rivers still impresses. Yet the Chargers are struggling mightily with an AFC-high 14 turnovers and awful special teams.

Now here come the efficient Patriots, who rarely beat themselves and always seize on opponents' mistakes.

Elsewhere on Sunday, it's Pittsburgh at Miami, Philadelphia at Tennessee, Arizona at Seattle, Washington at Chicago, Buffalo at Baltimore, St. Louis at Tampa Bay, Cleveland at New Orleans, Jacksonville at Kansas City, San Francisco at Carolina, and Oakland at Denver.

Off this week are Indianapolis, the Jets, Detroit and Houston. □



San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers (17) is sacked for a 4-yard loss by St. Louis Rams defensive tackle Fred Robbins during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, in St. Louis. The Rams won 20-17.

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No. 1 Ducks romp over UCLA 60-13

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AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Darron Thomas threw for a career-high 308 yards and three touchdowns and Oregon pounded UCLA 60-13 Thursday in its first-ever game as the top-ranked team in the country.

The Ducks' victory stopped a run of losses for the No. 1 team. Alabama lost to South Carolina two weekends ago and Ohio State lost at Wisconsin last week. LaMichael James, the nation's top rusher, ran for 123 yards and two TDs for undefeated Oregon.



Oregon running back LaMichael James (21) is congratulated by teammates after scoring during the first quarter of an NCAA college football game against UCLA on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, in Eugene, Ore.

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Thomas said it wasn't anything special.

"Not at all," Thomas said. "Just going out doing what we have to do like every week." The last time the No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 lost in three consecutive weeks was November 1960, when Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri all fell.

The Bruins (3-4, 1-3) were without quarterback Kevin Prince, who did not suit up against the Ducks because of a knee injury. He was replaced by sophomore Richard Brehaut.

James, getting increasing Heisman buzz, went down late in the first with what appeared to be an ankle injury. But before long, the dynamic back was high-stepping on the sidelines and returned.

James, who was averaging 169.6 yards per game, upped his total for the season to 971 yards in six games. It was the sophomore's 14th career game with at least 100 yards.

James ran 8 yards for the opening touchdown. While he rested on the sideline after going down, Alston added a 1-yard scoring plunge and Nate Costa ran in the 2-point conversion to

make it 15-0.

After Kai Forbath made a 25-yard field goal for the Bruins, Thomas hit Josh Huff for a 22-yard touchdown pass and tight end David Paulson for a 6-yard score to make it 29-3.

Thomas added a 3-yard TD pass to Jeff Maehl in the second half, and James scored on a 6-yard run. Thomas completed 22 of 31 passes, and also ran for 48 yards.

"They gave us some looks we could throw in," Thomas said.

"Our receivers made good plays on the ball. A lot of wide-open guys."

Alston had a pair of 2-yard touchdown runs in the fourth, including one set up by a Brehaut fumble.

Brehaut, who made his first career start earlier this season in UCLA's 42-28 victory over Washington State, passed for 159 yards and ran for a 6-yard score with 1:53 left in the game.

UCLA, which runs a Pistol offense, came into the game averaging just 95.5 yards passing.

Oregon was simply overwhelming.

"Well they were terrific tonight on all cylinders,

the pace of play, the quarterback hitting almost everything," UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel said. "We were having a hard time keeping up."

The Bruins also was without receiver Josh Smith and F-back Morrell Presley, who were suspended for the game for violating team rules. Neuheisel has refused to comment on the specifics.

UCLA leads the series against Oregon 39-24, but the Ducks have won the last three. The Bruins' last win over a No. 1 team came in the 1976 Rose Bowl against Ohio State.

Oregon fans turned out to celebrate the ranking, many wearing yellow for the benefit of the national television audience.

"We've been here since 1959 and never have we been No. 1. For a long time it was just year after year of losing. Terrible," said 76-year-old Ginger Newman, who was at the game with her husband, Mel Newman, 80.

While the Ducks were No. 1 in the AP media poll, they were ranked No. 2 in the first BCS rankings released this past Sunday, behind Oklahoma. □

Federer battles through to Stockholm semifinals

KEITH MOORE

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Roger Federer recovered from a set and 2-0 down to beat fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 on Friday and reach the Stockholm Open semifinals.

Wawrinka was in superb form in the first set, breaking in the first and fifth games to take it, as Federer made some uncharacteristic errors.

Trailing 2-0 in the second set, Federer dug deep and came up with some trademark winners to break Wawrinka twice and take the match to a third.

The 16-time Grand Slam winner then really hit his stride to win an enthralling final set. "He was playing great," Federer said. "I was struggling a little bit with my rhythm, it made it hard for me to find any way back into the match, so I had to rely a little bit on mistakes from him and some better play from my side."

"Thank God I just turned a corner at the right time

because the deeper it goes in the second set the more likely the score would have been brutal."

The win against his Olympic gold winning doubles partner marks the latest milestone in Federer's glittering career. It was his 50th victory of the season, making him only the fifth player since 1968 to register 50 or more wins in nine consecutive seasons. The last was Pete Sampras.

Federer meets fourth-seeded Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia next. Finland's Jarkko Nieminen, and Germany's Florian Mayer — who upset second-seeded Robin Soderling — make up the final four.

Mayer surprised home favorite Soderling to win 7-6 (8), 6-1, in front of an expectant crowd at the Royal Tennis Hall.

The fifth-ranked Swede would have qualified for the ATP World Tour Finals had he won, but made countless unforced errors throughout the match.

No. 47 Mayer took the first set after a tense 10-8 tie-break

and broke Soderling twice in the second set for the win.

"I think it's one of the best three victories in my career," Mayer said. "He's top 10 in the world, I beat him at home in Stockholm, indoors on his favorite surface, so I'm very happy."

Ljubicic came from a set down to beat stubborn countryman Ivan Dodig in three sets 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

"I maybe was a little too defensive in the beginning," Ljubicic said. "He was playing really good and then I started to be a little bit more aggressive, it worked out better."

Federer has beaten Ljubicic in 12 of 15 matches so far, including their last encounter at Indian Wells in 2008.

"He's one of my closest friends on tour," said Federer. "He's a got a real dangerous game, especially indoors."

Nieminen routed American wild card James Blake 6-0, 6-2, in just 49 minutes. It was the first time that Nieminen



Roger Federer of Switzerland acknowledges cheers after defeating his countryman Stanislas Wawrinka in the quarter final of the ATP Stockholm Open tennis tournament in Stockholm, Sweden, Friday Oct. 22, 2010. Mayer defeated Soderling by 7-6, 6-1.

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has beaten the two-time champion in seven contests. □

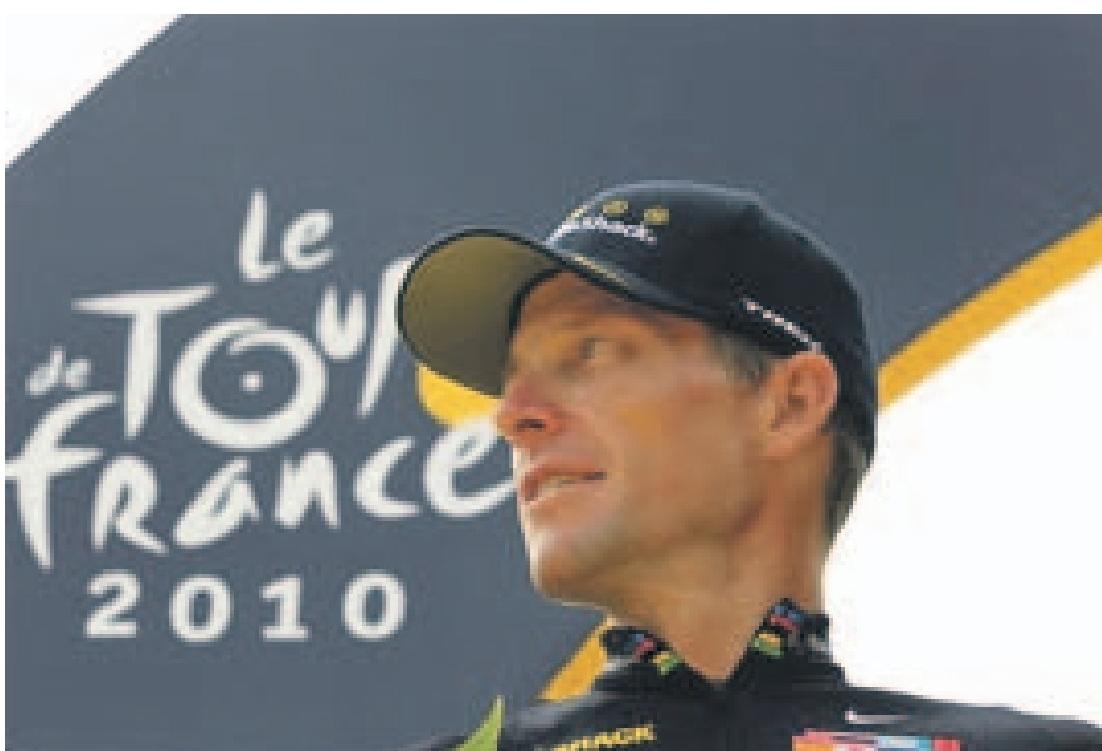
Ivanovic run ends in loss to Goerges



LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Ana Ivanovic's recent run of good results came to an end on Friday with a 6-3, 6-1 defeat by Julia Goerges in the Luxembourg Open quarterfinals.

Former No. 1 Ivanovic beat Goerges on her way to ending a run of two years without a title at the Generali Ladies Linz last week, but lost in an hour to the eighth-seeded German on Friday.

Goerges will face fellow German Angelique Kerber in the semifinals. □



This file photo taken July 25, 2010, shows Lance Armstrong looking back on the podium after the 20th and last stage of the Tour de France cycling race in Paris, France. Armstrong won't be riding in the Tour de France anymore but has said he'll still compete in smaller races in 2011 as an ambassador in the fight against cancer.

and has questioned Landis' credibility. Prosecutors have been presenting evidence and witnesses to a grand jury in Los Angeles that has been looking into Armstrong and doping in cycling more broadly.

It's possible Armstrong won't even take the federal probe into account as he builds his racing calendar. He has kept up

a busy public schedule in the face of the grand jury sessions, with his legal team saying the reason is that he has nothing to hide. Officials at the Lance Armstrong Foundation say donations have stayed strong despite the investigation. Donations of \$18.5 million through September are up 3 percent over 2009, a year

when the foundation enjoyed an 18 percent bump.

The total number of donations is also up to 118,702, a 2 percent increase over last year. "Other than this being a distraction away from our mission, our fundraisers and donors have been incredibly supportive," foundation president Doug Ulman said. □



Michelle Wie of the U.S. tees off on the 1st hole during the first round of the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia 2010 golf tournament at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Friday, Oct. 22, 2010..

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Mika Miyazato of Japan and South Korea's Jee Young Lee shot 5-under 66s to share the lead after the

first round of the Sime Darby LPGA at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club Friday. The pair hold a one-shot lead over Hee-Won Han of South

Korea.

Michelle Wie opened with a 68 in the round that was delayed for 3 hours because of lightning. "It was a pretty

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Miyazato, Jee Young Lee share Sime Darby LPGA lead

"long delay," Wie said. "It was kind of frustrating because it was like 30 more minutes, 30 more minutes, but you got to do what you got to do. It was unfortunately a dangerous situation. There was nothing you could do about it. So we just sat around for a little bit." Wie, the Canadian Women's Open winner in late August, birdied three of her first five holes and reached 4 under with a birdie on No. 10, but dropped a stroke with a three-putt bogey on the par-3 15th. "I'm just going out there, just grinding," Wie said. "It's very hot, so you're taking one shot at a time."

Miyazato, the Japan Women's Open winner this month, had five birdies in her bogey-free round.

"It helped a lot," she said about her breakthrough victory in Japan. "I have more confidence."

The long-hitting Lee had seven birdies and two bogeys on the 6,208-yard layout.

"I hit driver like only three, four times," Lee said. "I just concentrated on fairway and greens."

Alena Sharp, Maria Hjorth and Shi Hyun Ahn matched Wie at 68. Jiayi Shin, Suzann Pettersen, Candie Kung, Song-Hee Kim, Amanda Blumenherst and Meena Lee shot 69s.

Top-ranked Ai Miyazato struggled to a 76.

Kelly Tan, a 16-year-old amateur, topped the five Malaysian players in the field, shooting a 71. □



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Street View scooped up emails, passwords: Google

WASHINGTON

Google said Friday it was strengthening its privacy and security practices after its "Street View" mapping service gathered private wireless data, including emails and passwords, in dozens of countries.

Alan Eustace, Google's senior vice president of engineering and research, said the Internet giant was appointing a director of privacy "to ensure that we build effective privacy controls into our products and internal practices."

Google would also enhance privacy training and require employees to take part in a new "information security awareness program," Eustace

said in a blog post.

"We work hard at Google to earn your trust, and we're acutely aware that we failed badly here," he said. "So we've spent the past several months looking at how to strengthen our internal privacy and security practices."

Eustace said a detailed analysis of the Wi-Fi data collected for Street View found that "while most of the data is fragmentary, in some instances entire emails and URLs were captured, as well as passwords."

"We want to delete this data as soon as possible, and I would like to apologize again for the fact that we collected it in the first place," he said.

"We are mortified by what happened, but confident that these changes to our processes and structure will significantly improve our internal privacy and security practices for the benefit of all our users," Eustace said. In June, Google said it had already deleted private wireless data mistakenly collected by its Street View cars in Austria, Denmark and Ireland.

According to Google, Street View cars taking photographs of cities in more than 30 countries inadvertently gathered data sent over unsecured Wi-Fi systems.

Google has since stopped the collection of Wi-Fi data, used to provide location-



A man looks at his phone as he walks past a Verizon wireless store in New York, July 30, 2009

By Sinead Carew

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Verizon Communications Inc said it might attract only half as many customers this quarter in its most valuable category compared with last year, sending its shares down more than 2 percent.

In the third quarter, Verizon Wireless, the top U.S. mobile provider, lost more ground than expected to AT&T Inc, the exclusive U.S. provider for Apple Inc's iPhone.

Until Verizon's wireless venture with Vodafone Group Plc begins selling the iPhone next year, as is widely expected, it will be tough catching-up to AT&T.

Verizon Chief Financial officer John Killian said the wireless unit would add 550,000 to 600,000 net new monthly-bill paying customers in the current quarter. It added 1.2 million subscribers in the

same category in last year's fourth quarter.

"In the first three quarters of the year we averaged in the mid-to-high 500,000 range. That's not a bad target for us as we think about the fourth quarter," Killian told Reuters. Verizon Wireless' target is considered a clear disappointment during the historically strong holiday shopping season.

"It would represent a material slowdown," said Mizuho analyst Michael Nelson.

For the past year, Verizon Wireless, the biggest U.S. mobile operator, has relied heavily on cellphones based on Google Inc's Android software, including Motorola Inc's Droid X and HTC Corp phones.

But those devices, while popular have not been enough for Verizon Wireless to beat AT&T's iPhone-backed

Verizon mobile growth targets disappoint

growth. Verizon's total mobile customer growth of 997,000 in the third quarter fell short of analyst expectations of more than 1 million.

Nelson said consumers are excited about the prospect of Verizon selling the iPhone but added, "Nobody knows for sure when they're going to get iPhone. Verizon hasn't done anything to satisfy investors interest."

In the third quarter Verizon Wireless posted net new monthly-bill paying customer numbers that were ahead of expectations at 584,000 compared of the average expectation for 580,000 from six analysts contacted by Reuters.

However, it was behind AT&T's 745,000 additions, reported the day before.

Killian, who is retiring later this year, said investors should instead focus on Verizon's accelerating revenue growth as more customers buy



A Google street view car. Google said Friday it was strengthening its privacy and security practices after its "Street View" mapping service gathered private wireless data, including emails and passwords, in dozens of countries.

based services such as driving and other products, by Street View cars. □

according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Revenue fell to \$26.48 billion from \$27.27 billion in the year-ago quarter, slightly ahead of the average analyst estimate for \$26.35 billion. Excluding year-earlier revenue from the wireline assets it sold to Frontier Communications in July, Verizon's revenue rose 2.1 percent.

Verizon said its adjusted earnings for the second half of 2010 would be at the high end of its previously announced forecast range for a 5 percent to 10 percent increase from its \$1.01 earnings per share in the first half of the year.

Verizon added 226,000 new customers to its FiOS high-speed Internet service and 204,000 new FiOS video customers, slightly ahead of some analyst expectations. Its shares were down 2.2 percent at \$31.80 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. □



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Lindsay Lohan avoids jail, ordered back to rehab

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Lindsay Lohan sidestepped another jail stint Friday when a California judge sent the 24-year-old troubled starlet back to rehab, telling her she was an addict and faced jail time if she relapsed again. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox ordered



FILE - In this June 25, 2010 file photo, Chris Rock appears on the 'Fox & Friends' television program in New York.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

Chris Rock to make his Broadway debut next year

NEW YORK — Comedian Chris Rock will make his Broadway debut in a new play about love and fidelity with an X-rated title.

Rock will join Bobby Cannavale, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Annabella Sciorra and Yul Vazquez in a production of Stephen Adly Guirgis' play "The Mother ... With the Hat." (The title includes an expletive.)

The 14-week engagement begins previews on March 22 at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre.

The play centers on Jackie (Cannavale), a parolee who is newly sober, and his girlfriend, who is not. Rock will play Jackie's sponsor.

Anna D. Shapiro, who won a Tony for directing "August: Osage County," will helm the project. □

Lohan to remain at the Betty Ford Center until Jan. 3 and report back to court in late February.

"You are an addict, I hope you understand that," Fox told Lohan. A prosecutor had advocated a six-month jail sentence for the "Mean Girls" star, but Fox opted for rehab after reviewing filings by probation and rehab officials and a letter written by Lohan. The actress told probation officials last week that she didn't want to remain in rehab for longer than a month because "continued inpatient treatment would be a hardship financially, and damaging to her career," according to a report filed in advance of a hearing Friday.

Probation officials and Lohan's doctors recommended she remain at Betty Ford, and the judge agreed.

The actress cried after hearing the sentence.

The judge acknowledged that Lohan, 24, has been in-and-out of court and rehab since a pair of high-profile arrests in 2007. He told the actress that

he would not be manipulated by her, but was giving her a final chance to stay clean.

"You're staying past the New Year's — there's a reason for that," Fox said.

Fox's sentence means Lohan will not be returning to a suburban Los Angeles women's jail for a fourth time. The judge had threatened to send Lohan to jail for 30 days for each drug test she skipped or failed. He ordered her held for nearly a month during a hearing in September, but another judge overturned his ruling and Lohan has been free on bail and in inpatient rehab voluntarily since then. Lohan is due back in court Feb. 25. Prosecutor Danette Meyers, who has handled the case since its filing, told Fox that Lohan had entered rehab for a fifth time last month only because she was afraid of going back to jail.

"The only reason she's in Betty Ford is because the court was going to send her to jail," Meyers said. "She didn't have some epiphany."

Lohan's attorney, Shawn



Lindsay Lohan looks at a court official as she arrives for a probation violation hearing at Beverly Hills Courthouse in Beverly Hills, Calif., Friday, Oct. 22, 2010.

(AP Photo/Mario Anzuoni, Pool)

Chapman Holley, said her client was doing her best and that relapse was part of addiction recovery.

"I would ask the court to not punish her," Holley said. "She's trying her best. She's remaining in Betty Ford."

According to the probation report, one of Lohan's doctors told officials that until her positive drug test, Lohan was evaluating problems in her life more but remained in denial about her addiction. The doctor advocated that Lohan remain at the Betty Ford Center for as long as possible.

"He believes the defendant needs to continue to work on her issues in order to save her life," the report states.

Lohan's chemical dependency counselor told officials that Lohan finally acknowledged her addiction issues after the positive drug test and said she expressed feelings of being powerless about it.

Probation officials acknowledged Lohan is confronting her addiction more now and recommended up to four months in rehab. Fox said he appreciated reading Lohan's letter, which was not released, and laid out the dire consequences of failure. He said Lohan was risking destroying what remains of her already damaged career.

At least one acting job will be waiting for her when she is released. □

Rising Brit star adds sizzle to 'Sherlock Holmes'

By LYNN ELBER,
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Benedict Cumberbatch's pals call him Ben. Viewers of his TV performance as a 21st-century Sherlock Holmes tend to favor "brilliant."

The British TV audience went mad this summer for the three-part "Sherlock" series in which Cumberbatch makes Holmes the very model of a modern private detective, with the character's fearsome intelligence and upper-crust arrogance intact.

Now Americans have the chance to discover the rising star as PBS' "Masterpiece Mystery!" airs the series on consecutive Sundays, starting this weekend and through Nov. 7, at 9 p.m. EDT (check local listings).

Cumberbatch, who will be seen next year in Steven Spielberg's film adaptation of the hit London play and book

"War Horse," is engaging and open during an interview from London, displaying not a whit of Holmes' chilliness.

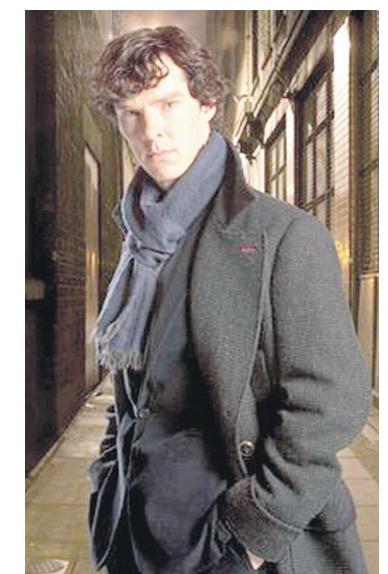
But the 34-year-old actor is a match for the great fictional detective in verbal gymnastics, spilling out answers to questions with energetic, swooping speech. Here's his take on the Holmes series (which concludes with a doozy of a cliffhanger that ensures future episodes): "The overall story arc of Holmes is someone being humanized. He is human, but he yearns after a sort of godliness. He's somebody who wants to contain, control and understand everything, like a chess grand master."

That's Cumberbatch sans script, and very impressive. But there's no verbal swagger when he's asked about taking on a role played memorably by Nigel Rathbone and Jeremy Brett and, more comedically

in 2009 by Robert Downey Jr. "To be honest, I was nervous. There was no cockiness about it," Cumberbatch said. He was also frightened in the "more vainglorious way, to be identified with this character above all else."

The pilot script swept away his doubts about playing Holmes or the prospect of gimmickry in bringing Arthur Conan Doyle's character into modern London. In the series, Holmes is partnered with Dr. Watson (Martin Freeman of the U.K. version of "The Office," "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy") who, as in the original stories, is back from serving in Afghanistan.)

Unlike the 19th-century Watson, this modern one makes a point of noting that, no, he and Holmes aren't gay although they share a flat. Cumberbatch suggests that Holmes is asexual, perhaps the result of being burned



In this publicity image released by PBS, Benedict Cumberbatch portrays Sherlock Holmes in 'Sherlock,' a fast-paced, witty take on the legendary Sherlock Holmes crime novels, set in present day London, premiering Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010 on PBS.

(AP Photo/PBS)

in the past by women or one woman, Irene Adler, who is a candidate to appear in the next season. Production starts in May. □

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U.S. foreclosure mess chills investors, clouds market

By Helen Chernikoff

NEW YORK – Investors who have been snapping up foreclosed homes are backing off in the wake of the U.S. foreclosure fiasco, driven by sagging inventory and fears over legal title, and some economists say the trend could hurt the overall housing market.

With foreclosed properties accounting for a large portion of housing sales, and investors accounting for a large portion of buyers -- particularly in some key markets with very high foreclosure rates -- the implications for the broader economy could be serious. Investors who would buy, rehabilitate and then sell or rent foreclosures were playing a "huge role," in helping to clear the market, said housing economist Tom Lawler.

But many of those investors are now staying on the sidelines.

"We're like a plane flying around in a holding pattern, waiting to land," said Tony Alvarez, an investor in southern California who is currently renting out 40 former foreclosed homes. "Nothing is going on, and why? Fear has taken hold in the marketplace."

Allegations that banks failed to review foreclosure documents properly or submitted false statements when they foreclosed on properties spurred a joint investigation by the attorneys general of all 50 states and triggered foreclosure moratoriums by some of the biggest U.S. lenders.

Bank of America (BAC.N) and GMAC Mortgage have retreated from their

foreclosure suspensions. The investors are so essential to the housing recovery, Amherst Securities managing director Laurie Goodman wrote in a paper in Financial Analysts Journal, that an extension of federal loans for them is "the single most important demand-side action that could be taken."

The pall cast over foreclosure sales by the growing questions over the use of shoddy documents in processing foreclosures has adverse implications for the housing market and the broader economy, said IHS Global Insights economist Patrick Newport.

Fewer sales to investors means fewer sales altogether, which will further elevate supply. That, in turn, will keep a lid on home prices, making consumers feel poorer. "Falling home prices make consumers less likely to spend," Newport said. "In general, uncertainty is not a good thing for the economy."

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the U.S. economy.

PULLING BACK The role of investors in helping to clear the huge supply of inventory has been substantial. In August, investors generated 21 percent of existing home sales, according to the National Association of Realtors.

In markets like Orlando, Florida, and Phoenix, where rampant risky lending and speculation during the housing boom left the most foreclosures behind, those numbers can hit 40 percent and higher, Lawler said.

Nearly one-third of all homes sold in September were in the foreclosure process, according to real estate data company RealtyTrac.

The number of homes taken over by banks topped 100,000 in a month for the first time in September, though foreclosures are likely to slow as lenders review their paperwork, RealtyTrac said.

Distressed real estate investor Bruce Norris said the volume of his business in southern California has dropped 75 percent in the past two weeks as the sudden decline in inventory has led to a spike in prices.

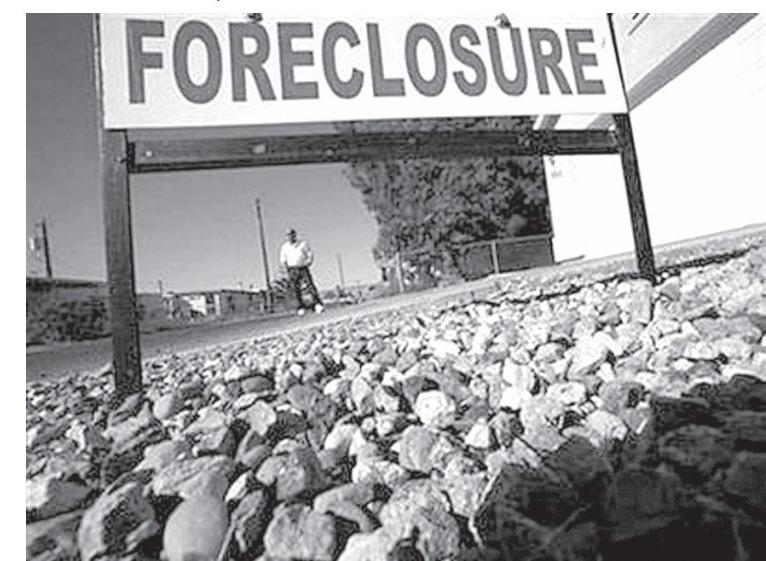
"We're being much more cautious," Norris said. "Everything is getting bid up to a ridiculous number. There isn't any profit."

Current higher prices are not the only disincentive. Investors see lenders cutting foreclosure prices sharply at some point next year when they try to reduce the logjam that is now building up by pushing more inventory out onto the market.

"Investors are pulling back," said John Burns, whose national real estate consulting firm is based in Irvine, California. "They think it'll be cheaper next year."

Alvarez also said the uncertainties hanging over the industry will keep smaller foreclosure investors like himself on the sidelines at least through the end of the year.

"We're still going through the motions of doing our typical business," he said. "But it's like a doctor, you want to monitor a



A realtor stands in front of a foreclosed home in Bullhead City, Arizona in this November 4, 2009 file photo.

patient's stats. Well, try operating without any of that information, you'd be losing patients left and right."

Timing is the investor's most pressing concern, said John Anderson, a real estate agent who specializes in foreclosures in the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, area.

"They want to buy these properties and have them back on the market in a short time," Anderson said.

"If there are major delays, they could be stuck."

FALSE TITLE? The picture is not as bleak for larger players, said Jamie Rand, whose Prime Asset Fund LLC, based in the suburbs of Tampa, Florida, bought and sold over a thousand foreclosures in the past year.

When the uproar subsides, lenders and government investigators will find only a very small percentage of truly wrongful foreclosures, Rand said.

And should one of those crop up in his business, he can absorb the cost, he said. "For me, it's an opportunity," he said. "Because of the limited

amount of inventory, it'll help me as I take my assets on the market."

Still, smaller investors say they have more reasons to sit back than to act.

They worry that their title insurance will not cover them if past owners sue to reclaim their property, said Anderson, the Minneapolis-area real estate agent.

In southern California, Norris said he sees the foreclosure mess gaining momentum.

"The cat's out of the bag," he said.

"And the lawyers are going to have a new cottage industry stopping foreclosures and going after people who have already purchased them."

Norris has received calls from foreclosure buyers who had upgraded the homes and were ready to sell them when a former owner sued for their return.

"There still might be concern about past foreclosures," Lawler, the economist, said. "We don't know if refiled papers will be accepted or approved by the courts. And it could be different depending on the state." □

Number of diabetic Americans could triple by 2050



By MIKE STOBBE,
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — As many as 1 in 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by the year 2050, federal officials announced Friday, in a dramatic revision of earlier projections.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 1 in 10 have diabetes now, but the number could grow to 1 in 5 or even 1 in 3 by mid-century if current trends continue.

"This is alarming," said Ann Albright, director of the CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation.

The agency's projections have been a work in progress. The

last revision put the number at 39 million in 2050. The new estimate takes it to the range of 76 million to 100 million. An estimated 24 million Americans have diabetes currently.

The new CDC calculation accounts for people who have diabetes but are undiagnosed — a group that wasn't figured into earlier estimates, explained Edward W. Gregg, chief of the CDC branch that handles diabetes epidemiology and statistics. Also, the researchers used new population growth estimates for the elderly and minorities, who have higher rates of Type 2 diabetes, he said.

One more factor: Diabetics are living longer, thanks to improvements in medical care, he added.

"Not all of the increase in prevalence is a bad thing," said Dr. Sue Kirkman, the American Diabetes Association's senior vice president of medical affairs and community information. Diabetes is a disease in which the body has trouble processing sugar. It was the nation's seventh leading cause of death in 2007.

In the classic form of diabetes, traditionally diagnosed in children or young adults, the body does not produce

enough of a hormone called insulin to help sugar get into cells. That's Type 1 diabetes.

Another form of diabetes, Type 2, now accounts for about 95 percent of cases. In that kind, the body's cells resist insulin's attempts to transport sugar.

Type 2 is most common in people who are overweight and obese, in people 60 and older, and in African-Americans and other minority groups.

The growth in U.S. diabetes cases has been closely tied to escalating obesity rates. Recent CDC data suggests obesity rates may have

recently leveled off. But the new estimates should hold up even if obesity rates remain static, CDC officials said.

The CDC is the main source for national disease statistics, and the agency seems to have done a thoughtful job in putting together these latest projections, Kirkman said. Still, she acknowledged being a little startled by the size of the new numbers.

"The magnitude is a bit surprising. But the trend is not" she said.

The new estimates were published online Friday by the journal Population Health Metrics. □

Study: Low-dose aspirin may cut colon cancer risk

By MARIA CHENG,
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — A new analysis suggests that taking a low dose of aspirin may modestly reduce the risk of developing colon cancer or dying of the disease.

But experts say aspirin's side effects of bleeding and stomach problems are too worrisome for most people to take the drug for that reason alone. A U.S. health task force specifically recommends against it for those at average risk.

Previous studies have found a daily dose of at least 500 milligrams of aspirin could prevent colon cancer, but the adverse effects of such a high dose outweighed the benefits. Now, researchers say a low dose, equivalent to a baby or regular aspirin, also appears to work. But side effects are still a concern.

The European researchers pooled the 20-year

results of four trials with more than 14,000 people. Those studies were designed to study aspirin's use in preventing strokes, not colon cancer.

The researchers tracked who developed the disease through cancer registries and death certificates in Britain and Sweden, where the studies were done.

They found those who took a low dose daily for about six years reduced their colon cancer risk by 24 percent and their risk of dying from the disease by 35 percent. That was compared to those who took a dummy pill or nothing. There seemed to be no advantage to taking more than a baby-sized dose.

The studies used European baby aspirin of 75 milligrams and regular aspirin, 300 milligrams. U.S. baby aspirin is 81 milligrams and regular aspirin, 325 milligrams.

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1 in 10 Child Athletes Injured, Experts Say

By Kathleen Doheny

Sports participation among children and teens is a welcome trend, as it teaches teamwork and lays the groundwork for lifelong exercise, experts agree. Not so good, however, are the high rates of injury.

About 38 million kids and teens in the United States are in organized sports, according to the U.S. National Institutes of Health. And about one in 10 needs medical attention for a sports injury, according to Safe Kids USA, an advocacy group.

The organization has launched an educational initiative, supported by Johnson & Johnson, aimed at reducing the injuries by educating parents, kids and coaches.

"What we are really trying to draw attention to is, a lot of these injuries can hopefully be prevented," said Dr. Jamie Freishtat, a pediatrician, spokesperson and blogger for Safe Kids USA.

The wide range of injuries includes scrapes and bruises, sprains and strains, head injuries, heat-related injuries, and even death.

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Some researchers said the drug would benefit certain people, though no one should start taking aspirin daily without consulting their doctor.

If taken in high doses over a long period, aspirin can irritate the stomach, intestines and bowel, causing lesions and major bleeding.

"Anyone with any risk factors such as a family history (of colon cancer) or a previous polyp should definitely take aspirin," said Peter Rothwell, a professor at the University of Oxford and one of the paper's authors. The finding also "tips the balance" for anyone considering aspirin to prevent heart attacks and strokes, he said.

No funding was provided for the study and it was published online Friday in the journal Lancet. Rothwell and some of his co-authors have been paid for work by the makers of anti-clotting drugs like aspirin.

Other experts warned against aspirin for the general population.

"It's not for everybody," said Robert Benamouzig, of Avicenne Hospital in Bobigny, France, who co-authored a commentary in the Lancet. He said he would advise some of his high-risk patients to take aspirin, but only after explaining its side effects.

Scientists think aspirin works by stopping production of a certain enzyme linked to

doctors call acute -- a fracture or torn ligament are examples -- or caused by the gradual effects of muscle overuse. "The muscle just fatigues out," said Dr. John Hurley, an orthopedic surgeon at Summit Medical Group in Berkeley Heights, N.J., who is working with Safe Kids USA.

"These kids are specializing in sports when they are 7 or 8," he said, and the trend is not healthy. He is against a child playing the same sport for 12 months straight because it invites overuse injuries.

Parents can do much to reverse the injury statistics, Hurley and Freishtat agreed. Their tips:

Get a pre-participation physical for your child -- even if it isn't required. This should include an extensive medical history, including family history, Freishtat said. "The purpose is to promote health and safety, not exclude [the child from sports]."

Help your child create healthy, realistic goals. This means such endpoints as fostering friendships, team building and sportsmanship. Unrealistic goals, Freishtat said, are

cancers including those of the breast, stomach, esophagus and colon.

The trials analyzed in the Lancet paper were done before the widespread introduction of screening tests like sigmoidoscopies and colonoscopies. Rothwell said taking aspirin would still help, because the drug seems to stop cancers in the upper bowel, not usually caught by screening tests.

Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer in developed countries, and there are about 1 million new cases and 600,000 deaths worldwide every year.

The average person has about a 5 percent chance of developing the disease in their lifetime. □

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expecting perfection and never allowing for mistakes. Some parents expect all kids to perform equally, she said, and that's also not realistic.

Mix up the sports. Such cross-training is good, Hurley said. Strength training can help reduce over-use injuries, too, he said. Kids can start at 10 or 11, with their doctor's permission, using lightweights and multiple repetitions.

Be involved in your kids' sports. That doesn't mean coaching from the sidelines, Freishtat said. Rather, have conversations with the coach and ask about healthy practices such as water breaks (every 20 minutes) and whether the coaches are certified in CPR and first aid.

Don't skimp on equipment. Proper equipment -- helmets and shin guards, for example -- can go a long way toward preventing injury, experts agreed. "Make sure it fits correctly and is well maintained," Freishtat said. Pay attention to your young athlete's symptoms and mood. Forget the "tough it out" approach, Freishtat said. Some soreness is normal, but

not long term. "If a child is sore for more than a week or two, something is going on," Hurley said.

The advice hits home for Wendy Ferrara of Mt. Arlington, N.J., whose son, Andrew, now 13, tore a ligament when pitching in a championship game last spring. "He had been experiencing some arm pain," she said, but he and his mother thought it was normal aches and pains.

During the big game, a fastball escalated the pain. "When I pitched that ball I heard a crack and a pop in my elbow," Andrew said. Soon after, an MRI showed a partial tear of an elbow ligament.

Hurley, who cared for him, gave him strict orders: No pitching for a year.

The year is up next May, and Andrew is abiding by doctor's orders.

After 18 physical therapy sessions, his elbow is much better. But now, Andrew mixes it up. He's playing football this fall, leaving baseball for a time.

"I love to pitch," he said. But he's thinking long-term. So he'll wait it out, cross train, and pay much more attention to pain in the future, he said. □

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Gulf corals in oil spill zone appear healthy



A submersible carrying John Hocevar, Oceans campaign director for Greenpeace, and Associated Press reporter Brian Skoloff, is lowered into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana from the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise to explore the sea floor, Friday, Oct. 15, 2010.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

By BRIAN SKOLOFF,
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ON THE FLOOR OF THE GULF OF MEXICO – Just 20 miles north of where BP's blown-out well spewed millions of gallons of oil into the sea, life appears bountiful despite initial fears that crude could have wiped out many of these delicate deepwater habitats.

Plankton, tiny suspended particles that form the base of the ocean's food web, float en masse 1,400 feet beneath the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, forming a snowy-like underwater scene as they move with the currents outside the windows of a two-man sub creeping a few feet off the seafloor.

Crabs, starfish and other deep

sea creatures swarm small patches of corals, and tiny sea anemones sprout from the sand like miniature forests across a lunar-like landscape illuminated only by the lights of the sub, otherwise living in a deep, dark environment far from the sun's reach.

Scientists are currently in the early stages of studying what effects, if any, BP PLC's April 20 oil well blowout off Louisiana and the ensuing crude gusher has had on the delicate deep sea coral habitats of the northern Gulf.

So far, it appears the area dodged a bullet, but more research is needed. Some of the deep sea corals near the spill site were only discovered just last year.

"Originally, when we saw the trajectory for the oil spill and where it was going, we were very concerned that these habitats would be impacted," said researcher Steve Ross of the Center for Marine Science at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Ross and others are conducting research from a Greenpeace ship in the Gulf, using a two-man sub as they work to determine if the corals have suffered damage, or may take a hit from long-term impacts, such as stunted reproduction rates.

"We thought certainly that ... we would see signs of damage," Ross said. "And we're very pleased to say so far, that in these locations,

we haven't seen a large scale damage to the coral habitats. We're still looking, but so far, it's good."

Ross was part of a team of researchers that studied deep sea corals in the Atlantic Ocean between North Carolina and Florida.

The research eventually helped lead to added federal protections for a roughly 23,000 square-mile network believed to be among the largest continuous distribution of deep water corals in the world.

Ross and others have now turned their attention to the Gulf.

While fishermen have for centuries dragged up corals from the deep sea, it wasn't until the early 1900s that scientists discovered these extensive cold-water reefs. And it wasn't until the 1970s that researchers were able to use subs and cameras to reach the sea floor to document them. It had long been thought coral reefs only formed in shallow, warm waters.

Deepwater reefs and pinnacles are much more slow-growing and can take several million years to form. Science is only now beginning to understand these underwater "frontier zones." Researchers are looking to these regions for the development of additional pharmaceuticals since these cold-water critters have adapted to live in such unique environments void of

sunlight, they possess unusual qualities that federal scientists say could aid in creating new drugs for cancer, heart disease and other ailments.

"We are very interested in any potential damage to deep sea corals," said Steve Murawski, chief fisheries scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is currently conducting research into oil in Gulf sediments, among other studies.

The federal government maintains much of the oil is now gone from the Gulf, but some studies indicate it remains in significant amounts on the sea floor. Microscopic particles have also been found in the water column.

It is now a prime time for coral spawning in the Gulf, when the corals release tiny larvae that eventually form new corals.

"It could alter the reproduction of these animals," Murawski said.

"Even though the adults may survive the event, did we lose the opportunity to have more juveniles produced?"

Sandra Brooke, coral conservation director at the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, who is also participating in the research, agreed. The corals' reproduction rates will be studied over the coming weeks, she said.

"We have to be careful with our conclusions about this kind of data," Brooke said, noting it will take more than just a few dives to determine the extent of the damage. "We'll take further analysis but from what we've seen so far, it seems like they've dodged a bullet." □

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Sondeo muestra recuperación de Rousseff en Brasil

SAO PAULO (Reuters) - La candidata presidencial del partido gobernante de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff, se está alejando en la carrera presidencial, ganando fuerza a medida que el foco de la campaña se aleja de los temas sociales y regresa a los avances de la economía en los últimos años.

Rousseff aumentó su ventaja sobre el candidato opositor, José Serra, a 10 puntos porcentuales en un nuevo sondeo de opinión dado a conocer el viernes.

Se trata del tercer sondeo de esta semana que la muestra ganando terreno después de unas duras semanas en las que Serra se fortaleció y redujo la brecha entre ambos. El sondeo de la firma consultora Datafolha mostró que Rousseff tiene un 50 por ciento de respaldo de los votantes frente a un 40 por ciento de Serra, según el sitio de



La candidata presidencial de Brasil Dilma Rousseff. REUTERS/Nacho Doce.

internet del diario Folha de São Paulo, que encargó la encuesta. Al considerar sólo los votos válidos, que excluye a los

blancos, Rousseff arrojó una ventaja de 12 puntos, con un 56 por ciento de las preferencias, sobre el 44 por ciento obtenido

por su rival.

La candidata del oficialista Partido de los Trabajadores (PT), que es apoyada por

el inmensamente popular presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, tenía un 47 por ciento de apoyo en el último sondeo de Datafolha dado a conocer el 15 de octubre, frente a un 41 por ciento de Serra, ex gobernador del estado de São Paulo y abanderado del Partido Social Demócrata Brasileño (PSDB). Rousseff, una funcionaria civil de 62 años que nunca ha sido presidenta y nunca ha postulado a un puesto, estuvo cerca de ganar la elección en la primera vuelta del 3 de octubre. La favorita para ganar las elecciones, que fue ministra de Energía y jefa de Gabinete en el Gobierno de Lula, consiguió un 47 por ciento de los votos en la primera ronda, mientras que Serra sumó apenas un 32,6 por ciento, lo que obligó a la realización de un balotaje, que tendrá lugar el 31 de octubre. □

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